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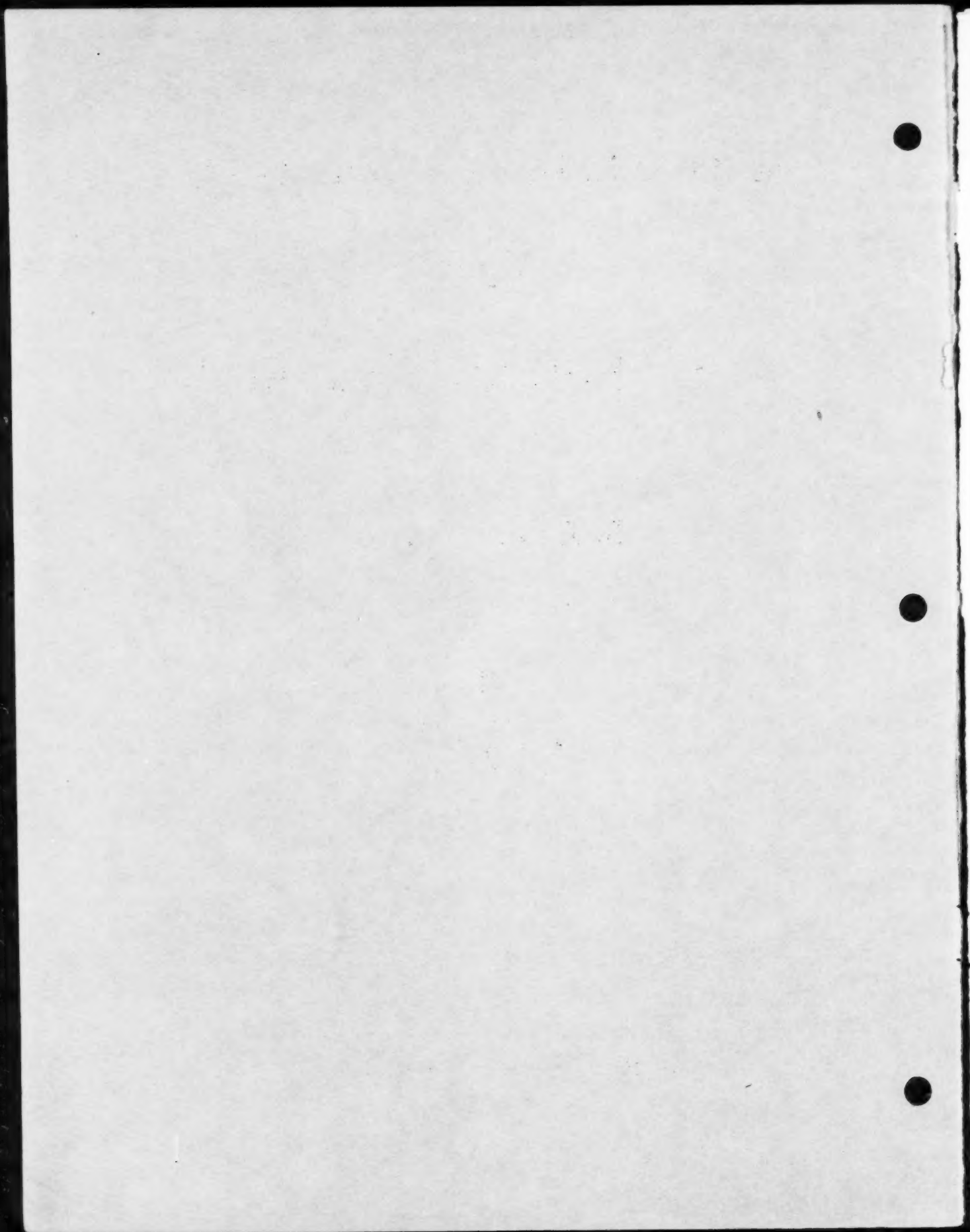


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WHAT GENEALOGY MEANS TO ME  
H. H. Smith

To those who are curious about their own people, Genealogy is a fascinating hobby, a game by which names and places and dates fall into their rightful places. But to me it is more than a hobby, for it makes the men and women on the pages of history come alive again. It is history made personal. Emerson's statement, "I am heir to all the ages," has not only a broad sociological basis but a closer personal one.

When my little grand-daughter first began to study the story of our country's struggle toward a better day, there was a real satisfaction to her and to us, when her grand-mother could tell her that long ago her grand-mother had told her how she listened to the story of the defense of our nation's capital from the lips of her grand-mother's father who had been there. For he had been one of the boys in blue who saw to it that in the "dawn's early light the flag was still there." And this old boy in turn had heard the story of Valley Forge from his own father who was there, an officer in Washington's army. History to that little grand-daughter lives in the people she loves. John and Priscilla Aken were real people when she knew that the neighbors and friends of John and Priscilla were her own family.

In speaking of this personal basis for the love of genealogy I am perfectly aware of the criticism of my sociological friends who tell me that heredity is only concerned with the transition of physical characteristics. I know also that man's education and environment are the determining factors in the making of his character. I know of the countless occasions in which a man may rise above the environment in which he was born. I hope that I am not an ancestor worshipper. I appreciate the sly humor by which I am reminded that a genealogist is like a potato, all the good is underground.

I know also that everyone now living must have had over 200 ancestors living at the time of the Mayflower, some place, and it is reasonable to assume that there must be literally thousands of people who had Mayflower ancestors of whom they do not know, and a million ancestors at the time of Runnymede. Nevertheless it is a satisfaction to know step by step one's lineage to some person in the past and that the sense of relationship makes that ancestor a more real personage. One can feel a kinship to all of the past but it is clearer with personal knowledge of the relationship which exists.

The genealogist in a peculiar way watches the process by which old superstitions pass away and by which injustices are righted. A genealogist cannot help being an optimist.

Genealogy to me is a dedication to the idea that truth and good and right do not die - they only sleep. To a true genealogist the past is a re-affirmation of the "faith of our fathers."

James Russel Lowell said it in ever-living letters:

"Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne.  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadows,  
Keeping watch above his own."

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"Where were you in 1718? in 1818? In 1818 you were walking abroad, probably in the guise of four grandparents. In 1718 you were looking at the world out of, say thirty-two pairs of eyes. Where I was in 1718 is to me as interesting as, Where shall I be in 2016. It is a sort of reversed immortality." ---Mary Childs Nerney, Vermont Quarterly, April, 1949.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE SERVICE OF MAJOR RICHARD DAVENPORT  
Submitted by Mrs. Paul H. Wentink

The following are among the family papers of Mrs. Lafe E. McKittrick, Detroit, Mich., who has kindly loaned them for publication. They constitute proof of service in the War of 1812 for a number of men who signed this hand-written testimonial. Some of the signatures are not so easy to decipher. There is no public record of these papers but copies may be found in the D. A. R. and Dau. of War of 1812 libraries in Washington, DC.

"Camp Miami, No. 3, Dec. 21, 1812

"Major Richard Davenport

Sir,

We hear you are about to leave us, and that it is probable you may not return. We cannot permit you to depart without expressing our most hearty approbation of your conduct since being attached to this Regiment. We very much regret that circumstances should compel you to leave us, but, when we are informed that the situation of your private relations imperiously demand your return home, we feel its peculiarity, and how much soever we may deprecate the necessity that separates us, we approve your determination.

"We trust Sir, it may still be in your power to rejoin us before the close of the campaign. If this should prove impracticable, we shall still retain a most lively sense of your worth, and will hope, that although you may not have it in your power to return to us, the day will yet arrive when we shall see you occupying that station in the armies of our country, which your conduct, ability and qualifications merit.

"Attached to you by every tie which can bind soldiers together, we cannot but wish the officer we so much respect, the best boon of a munificent providence - felicity in domestic and social life, and as much esteem and regard from the rest of the world, as you are entitled to from the officers of the 17th Reg't. U. S. Infantry.

Sam'l Wells, Coln. 17th U.S. Inf't.  
Richard Hightower, Capt. 17 R.I. U.S.A.  
Alex Montgomery, Surgeon 17th U.S. Infantry  
Robert Edwards, Capt. 17th Rgt. U.S. Inf't.  
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Robert Logan 1st Lieut. 17th U.S. Inf't.  
George W. Jackson, 1st Lieut. 17th Regt.

C. H. Holder 1st Lieut. 17th Regt. U.S. Inf't.  
H. J. Overton 1st Lieut. 17th Regt. U.S. Inf'ty.  
A. G. Garrett Lieut. 17th Regt. U.S. Inf'ty.  
Philip S. Sharer Ensign 17 Regt. U.S. Inf'ty.  
Isaac L. Baker Ensign 2nd U.S. Infantry  
James Munday, Ensign 17 Regt.  
Levi Wells, Ensign of 17 R. U.S. Inf'ty.  
George Croghan, Lieut. 17th U.S. Inf'ty."

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Kentucky  
GABRIEL SLAUGHTER Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of the said Commonwealth

To RICHARD DAVENPORT Esq. Greeting:

Know you that reposing especial trust and confidence in your courage activity and good conduct, you are hereby commissioned, by and with the consent of the Senate

BRIGADIER GENERAL

of the Eighth Brigade of the Militia of said state, to take rank as such, from the 31st Octr. 1817 and to continue in office during good behavior and your residence within the bounds of your Brigade.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at Frankfort, on the 12th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and in the 26th year of the commonwealth.

By the Lieutenant Governor,

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER

John Cope, Secretary

SOME ADDITIONAL DESCENDANTS OF JOHN NILES, 1680-1768, OF COLCHESTER, CONN.

Compiled by the late Mrs. Harriet Niles Brewster  
Contributed by Mrs. N. D. Potter, Pinckney, Michigan

John Niles of Colchester, Conn., was the eldest son of John and Abigail Niles of New Shoreham, R. I., and a grandson of the original Niles immigrant, John Niles of Dorchester and Braintree, Mass. All of the New World antecedents of this John Niles of Colchester have been presented in considerable detail in an article entitled, John Niles of Braintree, Mass., and Some of His Descendants, by Joel Nelson Eno, published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1931, Vol. 85, pages 145-159.

It is the purpose of the present paper to supplement Mr. Eno's account with additional information on the numerous descendants of the Connecticut family.

First Generation

I. JOHN NILES, b. about 1680, New Shoreham (Block Island), R. I.; d. 1768 at Colchester or Chatham, Conn.; m. about 1716 Mary Ely.

At the age of three years, on Sept. 7, 1683, John Niles was left fatherless. His mother Abigail Niles brought up her two sons on Block Island, and finally, after almost eighteen years of widowhood, was married there on June 11, 1701 to John Banning. Before coming to the island John Niles' step-father had been a resident in Connecticut, and a few years after his marriage, sometime between 1704 and 1712, he and his newly acquired family returned to settle in the vicinity of Lyme.

The inventory of John Niles' estate, filed in Colchester, Conn., Oct. 1, 1768, lists property in Colchester, Chatham, and Sharon, Conn., which was to be distributed in accordance with his will thus: To his eldest son John Niles, a double portion, 12 A with a house and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  A next to John Holmes; son Nathan Niles had already had his portion; to son Nathaniel Niles, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  A with a barn W of the road; to the children of deceased daughter Mary Porter of Hebron, 9 A in Westchester, N of Nathaniel's, and land in Sharon; to son Thomas Niles, 16 A with a house, W of Nathan's; to son David Niles, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  A at NW corner of farm, an interest in lands at Chatham and Sharon; to daughter Abigail Chapman, 13 A, W of goat pasture; to son Barnabas Niles, 10 A, E of goat pasture; to son Ambrose Niles, 12 A, W of old farm, S of David; to widow Mary Niles, use of 1/3 of all.

John Niles and Mary Ely had ten children:

1. John Niles, b. March 25, 1718, Colchester, Conn.; living 1769 at North Castle, Westchester Co., N.Y.; m. Hannah, who died in 1746 age 20 years. This is probably the same John Niles who married Phebe Brumding, daughter of John Brumding of North Castle, N.Y., and is listed in 1790 as a resident of Beekmantown, Dutchess Co., N.Y., with a household of 2 males under 16 and 3 females.
2. NATHAN NILES, b. Feb. 20, 1720, Colchester, Conn. See second generation.
3. Samuel Niles, b. Mar. 13, 1722; d. Aug. 26, 1722, Colchester, Conn.
4. Nathaniel Niles, b. May 7, 1724, Colchester, Conn.; m. Sarah Holmes, b. 1726, dau. Capt. John and Mary (Willey) Holmes. This Nathaniel Niles is listed in 1790 as a resident of Hebron, Conn., with a family of 3 males under 16 and 3 females.
5. Mary Niles, b. June 26, 1726, Colchester, Conn.; d. 1765; m. May 15, 1750, Deacon Increase Porter of Hebron, Conn. They had 8 children:
  - i. Mary Porter, b. 1752, died young.
  - ii. Abigail Porter, b. 1753.
  - iii. Aaron Porter, b. 1755.
  - iv. Mary Porter, b. 1757.
  - v. Anne Porter, b. 1759.
  - vi. Lydia Porter, b. 1761.
  - vii. David Porter, b. 1763.
  - viii. Clarinda Porter, b. 1765.
6. THOMAS NILES, b. Sept. 28, 1728, Colchester, Conn. See second generation.

7. Abigail Niles, b. Sept. 4, 1730, Colchester, Conn.; m. 1755 Ezekiel Chapman, b. 1734, s. of David Chapman of E. Haddam, Conn. Their son Silas Chapman, 1760-1793, moved to Athens, Vt.; for further information on this line and on Chapman ancestry see Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, part 32, page 25.
8. David Niles, b. 1733, Colchester, Conn.; d. 1812, buried in Gott cemetery, Chatham, Conn.; m. 1775, Abigail Munn of Hebron, Conn. According to the Census of 1790, David Niles of Chatham had a household of 5 males under 16, 1 male over 16, and 4 females. David and Abigail (Munn) Niles had these children:
  - i. David Niles, b. 1778; d. 1861, Hebron, Conn.; m. 1833 Sophronia Marvin.
  - ii. Asa Niles, b. 1780.
  - iii. Cephas Niles, b. 1783.
  - iv. Barak Niles, b. 1785.
  - v. Abigail Niles, Jr.
9. BARNABAS NILES, b. 1735, Colchester, Conn. See second generation.
10. AMEROSE NILES, b. Mar. 30, 1741, Colchester, Conn. See second generation.

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## Second Generation

II. NATHAN NILES, b. Feb. 20, 1720, Colchester, Conn.; d. January 1782, Colchester, Conn.; m. 1st Oct. 28, 1742, Colchester, Conn., Mary Sexton, dau. George, Jr. and Elizabeth (Dibble) Sexton. Mary (Sexton) Niles d. Oct. 10, 1773 at Colchester. Nathan Niles m. 2nd 1774 Dorcas Beckwith, dau. Philip and Abigail (Harvey) Beckwith of Lyme, Conn.

Nathan Niles was a physician and also a minister of the gospel. In 1773 he preached the funeral sermon for his wife Mary from the text, Psalms 88:18, "Lover and friend hast thou put far from me." He was a member of the Second Church of Westchester, Conn. in 1740, in full communion there in 1764. His will written Aug. 27, 1781, probated Colchester, Conn., 1782, names his wife Dorcas, who was to have whatever she brought him, and mentions "the children they had together." His son Nathan Niles then living in Hebron, Conn., was named executor; his lands in Pawlet, Vt. which he estimated as comprising 700 A were to be divided 100 A each to his son Nathan, and to his daughters, Mary Kellogg, Sarah Woodworth, and Lydia Rude; in addition his sons, Elisha, John, and Noah were to inherit his lands in Colchester.

Nathan Niles and his first wife Mary Sexton had twelve children:

1. Elizabeth Niles, b. 1743; d. 1748.
2. Rachel Niles, b. 1745; d. 1748.
3. Nathan Niles, b. 1746; d. 1748.
4. Hannah Niles, b. 1747; d. 1748.
5. Mary Niles, b. 1748; m. 1767 Corp. Joseph Kellogg.
6. Aaron Niles, b. 1750; baptized 1751 in Second Church of Westchester.
7. Lydia Niles, b. 1753; m. 1776 Rufus Rude.
8. NATHAN NILES, b. 1755. See third generation.
9. Sarah Niles, b. 1757; d. Oct. 1810; m. 1st 1773 Abram Turner; m. 2nd 1777 J. Woodworth. She had 2 children:
  - i. Sarah Woodworth, b. 1781.
  - ii. Jahiel Woodworth, b. 1784.
10. Noah Niles, b. 1759; d. before 1779. Baptized 1760 at Westchester.
11. Daniel Niles, b. and d. 1762. Baptized 1762 at Westchester.
12. Elisha Niles, b. 1764; d. 1851; m. 1783 Naomi Ackley of Chatham, Conn. They lived in Chatham and had 2 children.



Nathan Niles and his second wife Dorcas Beckwith had two children:

1. John Niles, b. 1775; d. Sept. 1812 while preaching an ordination sermon at Angelica, N.Y.; m. 1799 Hannah Eliot of Killingworth, Conn. She died in 1819. Rev. John Niles graduated from Yale in 1797, was principal 1803 to 1806 of Hamilton Academy (now Hamilton College); he is recorded as the third settler of Prattsburg, N.Y., where he was given 80 A of land as an inducement to stay and minister to the spiritual needs of the community; in 1808 he was located at Bath, N.Y. John Niles and Hannah Eliot had 5 children:
  - i. George Niles, b. 1801, Prattsburg, N.Y.; m. Mary Russell of N. Lyme, Conn. They had no children.
  - ii. Salome Niles, m. Abel Babcock of Chester, Mass.
  - iii. Mary Ann Niles, m. 1st Mr. Stannard, who soon died; m. 2nd Similius Brockway Ely.
  - iv. Thomas Niles.
  - v. Susan Niles, d. unmarried.
2. Noah Niles, b. 1779; m. a Grimes. He was a physician and lived in central New York; his son Addison Niles, also a physician, moved to Quincy, Ill.

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 Colchester, Conn. Deeds.  
 Records of the Second Church of Westchester, Conn.  
 Records of the Congregational Church of Chatham, Conn.  
 Mr. Eno's article, as previously cited.

II. THOMAS NILES, b. Sept. 28, 1728, Colchester, Conn.; d. 1782, Rumney, N.H.; m. Feb. 1, 1774, Anna Woodman of Newbury, Mass.

Thomas Niles was graduated from Yale College with a B.A. in 1758, and an M.A. in 1762. He was licensed as a preacher in August 1761 by the Hartford, Conn., South Association. According to the records of the Second Church of Westchester, Conn., he was received into that congregation as member No. 36 and was in full communion there in 1760 and 1764. In October 1767, even before a church had been formally organized, the Rev. Thomas Niles was ordained as minister for the newly incorporated town of Rumney, N.H. However, this pastoral relationship was short-lived; the minister had difficulty collecting his salary; he was obliged to bring suit against his parishioners, and his request for dismission was granted in 1771. Rev. Thomas Niles continued for the remainder of his life to reside in New Hampshire, where he seems to have suffered no serious or prolonged financial embarrassment, since his estate in 1782 was inventoried at £ 870

Thomas Niles and Anna Woodman had four children:

1. Anna Niles, b. 1774, Rumney, N. H.; m. Joseph Bailey of Newbury, Mass.
2. Thomas Niles, b. 1776, Rumney, N. H.; lost at sea.
3. JOSEPH NILES, b. Oct. 19, 1777, Newburyport, Mass. See third generation.
4. Miriam Niles, b. 1780, Newburyport, Mass.; died young.

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Records of Yale College.  
 Records of the Second Church of Westchester, Conn.  
 Mr. Eno's article, as previously cited.

II. BARNABAS NILES, b. 1735, Colchester, Conn.; d. 1789, Vermont; m. Thankful Stevens, b. 1748, dau. Jedediah and Mary (Bathbone) Stevens of Stonington, Conn.

Jedediah Stevens moved from Stonington to Canaan, Conn., in 1752 and later joined the "Connecticut Colony" which went to settle Tioga Point (now Athens) in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania.

Barnabas and Thankful (Stevens) Niles were recorded as church members at Chatham, Conn., in 1764; E. Hampton, Conn., dismission to Rumney, N. H. in 1768. In the Census of 1790, Thankful Niles, then a widow, is reported in Coventry, N. H. with a household of 2 males over 16, 1 male under 16 and 4 females. One of her grandsons states that Thankful took as her second husband a Mr. Carter with whom she went to Ohio. They lived close to her son Barnabas

Niles at Mt. Lookout (near Cincinnati); Thankful (Stevens) (Niles) Carter died there and is buried in the rear of the Old Wesley Chapel on Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Barnabas Niles and Thankful Stevens are said to have had twelve children:

1. Talitha Niles, b. 1763, baptized 1767.
2. Levi Niles, baptized 1764.
3. Mary Niles, b. 1765.
4. Salmon Niles, b. 1767, Westchester or E. Hampton, Conn.; m. Millie ----. This couple are said to have had 13 children. A. A. Niles of Morrisville, Vt., was probably a grandson; he says (1901) that his father and grandfather were both named Salmon Niles; his father's brother Jesse moved to Illinois and they had a relative Barnabas Niles who moved to Deer Isle, Me. Cf. also in N. E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg., Vol. 75, the cemetery inscriptions at Bakersfield, Vt., of Salmon T. Niles and his wife Mary. She died 1880 age 74 years.
5. BARNABAS NILES, b. 1772 in New Hampshire. See third generation.
6. JESSE NILES, b. 1774, Coos Co., N. H. See third generation.
7. Anasa Niles. A letter from his nephew Barnabas Niles of Ohio (See third generation) states that when his father came to Ohio in 1806, he left his brothers Anasa and Salmon Niles in Haverhill, N. H.
8. John Niles. John Niles was in the War of 1812; then about 1816 he moved to Ohio. His son Henry P. Niles moved to Council Bluffs, Ia.
9. Thankful Niles, m. John Robbins of Hartford, Conn.
10. Hannah Niles.

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Records of the Congregational Church of Chatham, Conn.  
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Family records and correspondence.

II. AMBROSE NILES, b. Mar. 30, 1741, Colchester, Conn.; d. 1809, Colchester, Conn.; m. 1st 1764 Annah McCall, dau. Ebenezer and Rachel (Ordway) McCall of Lebanon, Conn. She died 1781. Ambrose Niles m. 2nd 1782, Mary Ransom, b. 1753, dau. Amos and Anna (Comstock) Ransom. Mary (Ransom) Niles d. 1806.

Ambrose Niles and his first wife Annah McCall had eight children:

1. Elihu Niles, b. 1765; d. 1781.
2. DANIEL NILES, b. 1767. See third generation.
3. JOHN NILES, b. 1768. See third generation.
4. Hannah Niles, b. 1771; d. before 1811; m. 1793, Amasa Beebe. They had 2 children:
  - i. Aaron Beebe ) They were named in 1811 as minor heirs
  - ii. Lydia Beebe ) of their grandfather Ambrose Niles.
5. Solomon Niles, b. 1773; d. before 1811, Hilldale, N.Y. He had four children:
  - i. George Niles.
  - ii. John Niles.
  - iii. Lucinda Niles, m. a Knapp.
  - iv. Harriet Niles, m. an Adam.
6. Mary Niles, b. 1774; m. Daniel Porter.
7. AMBROSE NILES, b. 1776. See third generation.
8. Isaac Niles, b. 1780; m. 1800 Almira Willey.

Ambrose Niles and his second wife Mary Ransom had four children:

1. Clarissa Niles, b. 1783; m. Jehiel Ayres.
2. Lucinda Niles, b. 1784; m. Joseph Shailor.
3. Lois Niles, b. 1786; m. ---- Taylor.
4. Joseph Niles, m. ---- Bestor.

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THE PETER KEPLER FAMILY  
Erie and Crawford Counties, Pennsylvania  
Frank Roy Kepler  
Continued from February 1953

THIRD GENERATION (continued)

9. MARY<sup>5</sup> KEPLER, fourth child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer was born March 30, 1825. She married first in 1847 ----STULTZ<sup>2</sup>, second ----BLACKWOOD<sup>5</sup> of Ohio. The family all lived in or near Columbus, Ohio.

Children of MARY (Kepler) and ---- STULTZ<sup>2</sup>:

- \* 72 i. Sarah<sup>4</sup>, b.
- \* 73 ii. Ida<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1851.

Children of Mary (Kepler) and ----- BLACKWOOD:

- 74 iii. Daughter<sup>4</sup>; m. Charles McKeag.
- 75 iv. Daughter<sup>4</sup>; m. ----- Hays.
- 76 v. John<sup>4</sup>

Authorities:

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- b. Helen Kepler (Mrs. W. G.) Bryden, Greenville, Pa.
- c. Quenn Hodge (Mrs. H. S.) DaArment, Greenville and Daisy Minium (Mrs. George) Kepler, Meadville, Pa.

10. GEORGE P.<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, fifth child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer was born May 6, 1827 and died Nov. 14, 1891. He married in 1848, BARBARA ----- . The following account of George Kepler was given in the Titusville (Pa.) Herald, Nov. 16, 1891:

"He was one of the best known oil producers in this immediate section, most his operations having been confined to Warren, Crawford and Venango counties, especially the former, where he probably drilled more wildcat wells and brought in more dry holes than any other one man or company of men. He was at all times possessed of indomitable pluck and energy and seemed never to be contented unless in the midst of bobbing walking beams and clanging jars. For many years he resided at Enterprise, Pa., and through his push and industry did much for the benefit of that community, by furnishing employment for hundreds of men and teams engaged in laboring for him in his many ventures throughout that once famous oil field. From Enterprise he removed to this city a few years ago, his business relations having centered here and railroad communications making it easier for him to reach the Grand Valley field where he eventually became one of the leading producers. In fact, he may almost be called the father of development up that way. He was one of the members of the Valley Oil Line (Limited), running from Grand Valley to this city.

"He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and also belonged to Oil Creek Union, E.A.U., of this city. He was a man who at all times endeavored to be honest and upright in his dealings, and was in every way an exemplary husband and father.

"The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. H. Houghton of the Universalist church. Oil Creek lodge, N. 303, F. & A. M. and Chorazin lodge, No. 507, I.O.O.F. met at their halls and marched to the house in a body. The interment took place at Edinboro, Pa., where others of the family are buried."

Children of GEORGE P. and BARBARA (-----) KEPLER<sup>2</sup>:

- 77 i. Dora<sup>4</sup> b. ; m. Aug. 19, 1885 Charles Ley. Her children were<sup>b</sup>:  
190 i. Ruby<sup>5</sup>  
191 ii. Edwin<sup>5</sup>.
- 78 ii. Francis A.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1849; d. 1857. Burial in Edinboro Cemetery.



## Authorities:

- a. Will of George P. Kepler on record at Crawford Co. Court House, Meadville, Pa.
- b. Jacob Kepler Family Record.  
Family Bible, now in possession of Helen Adams McKeen (Mrs. Edwin J.) Kepler, Winona, Wisconsin.

11. EDWARD S.<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, sixth child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer, was born July 28, 1829 and died May 7, 1891. He married Dec. 27, 1851, ELIZABETH FORBES LIDDELL of Erie who was born Nov. 4, 1828 in Scotland and died Nov. 4, 1890.<sup>a</sup>

Edward S. Kepler was a well known boot and shoe manufacturer of Titusville (Pa.). In earlier years he conducted hotels at Enterprise and Hydetown during the oil rush in the 1860's and was an old oil region pioneer. He was a member of Cowan Division, No. 29, U.R., Knights of Pythias and also of Shepherd Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen of Titusville.

Mr. Kepler's death was caused by heart failure, the result of a mishap - he fell through a floor at his residence. His brother, Samuel W., preceded him in death, likewise caused by a fall. The mother of Mr. Kepler was still living at the advanced age of ninety-three years. The funeral and interment of the deceased was at Venango, Pa.<sup>b</sup>

## Children of EDWARD S. and ELIZABETH (Liddell) KEPLER:

- 79 i. Wallace S.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 14, 1850. No further record.
- 80 ii. Tamson Liddell<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 4, 1856; d. May 28, 1865.
- \* 81 iii. Mark Stanley<sup>4</sup>, b. June 8, 1863.
- 82 iv. Peter F.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 15, 1866; d. Feb. 6, 1867.

## Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Record.
- b. Information from Titusville Morning Herald, Friday, May 8, 1891.

12. SARAH C.<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, seventh child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer was born Nov. 30, 1831, and died Feb. 19, 1895.<sup>a</sup> She married JACOB SIVERLING, who was born June 17, 1817, son of Daniel and Barbara (Straw) Siverling. Jacob Siverling first married, Jan. 7, 1839, Barbara Kleckner.<sup>b</sup> He died Jan. 16, 1892.

Aunt Sarah Siverling was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venango, and was a teacher in its Sunday School. Daisy Minium (Mrs. George) Kepler was one of her pupils. Aunt Sarah told of going to Meadville on one occasion with another woman and their pastor to buy a communion set for their church. She said, "Do you know? That other woman smoked her pipe right on the street in Meadville, and going to buy a communion set." Although Sarah smoked, she had a sense of propriety that frowned on smoking on the street especially on the way to such an errand.

Jacob Siverling at various times served as a school director, supervisor and judge of elections.<sup>b</sup>

## Child of SARAH C. (Kepler) and JACOB SIVERLING, Jr.:

- \* 83 i. Margaret<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1870.

## Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Record.
- b. History of Crawford County (1885) p. 1122.

13. JAMES JACOB<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, eighth child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer, was born March 17, 1834, in Woodcock, Pa., and died May 29, 1914. He married Sept. 11, 1866,<sup>a</sup> ANNA MILLER of Venango, Pa., who was born Feb. 1846, the daughter of George and Margaret (Hayes) Miller of Venango. Margaret Hayes' parents lived in Scotland. Anna (Miller) Kepler died in 1916 according to the headstone in the Venango Cemetery.

James J. Kepler enlisted in the Civil War Aug. 29, 1862, and was mustered out with the company June 15, 1865. He was a private in the 150th Pennsylvania Bucktails, Co. K. Early in the war when it seemed proper and deemed necessary that President Lincoln should have a

bodyguard, Company K of the 150th Penna. regiment was assigned to that duty. Because of the ridicule of other units and the judgment of some of the officers it was arranged to send Co. K. into more active duty. When Mr. Lincoln heard of it he wrote a communication to the Provost Marshall requesting that the company remain as his bodyguard. Capt. C. M. Derickson formerly of Mercer, Pa., wrote that in a way Co. K. became a part of the White House family, taking care of Ted's goats and doing other chores. "He always called me Joe" said one private. The President asked about their sick and sometimes personally looked after their passes and furloughs.

Capt. Derickson also told of camp fun. The Kepler boys rigged out with army blankets - a rolled blanket served as a trunk and a branch of a tree as a tail - would perform like a trained baby elephant, would kneel, stand on one leg and do other tricks. The President as was his habit, strolled into camp that was near his summer home and was greatly amused at the "elephant." A few evenings afterward the President brought a friend with him and asked the captain to have the "elephant" brought out. Carl Sandburg in his book identifies<sup>b</sup> the "Kepler boys" as James J., Solomon, a cousin, both of Company K; and Pharis D. of Company I. Pharis D. was an ambulatory patient in Mt. Pleasant Hospital that was nearby.

Children of JAMES J. and ANNA (Miller) KEPLER<sup>c</sup>:

- \* 84 i. Laura O.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 1872.
- \* 85 ii. George W.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 14, 1879.

Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Record.
- b. Abraham Lincoln - The War Years, Carl Sandburg, Vol. II, p. 211 and index.  
History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, Samuel P. Bates, Vol. IV.  
Life of Abraham Lincoln, Ida M. Tarbell, p. 156.
- c. Daisy Minium (Mrs. George) Kepler, Meadville, Pa.  
Helen Waters (Mrs. William G.) Bryden, Greenville, Pa.

14. MARGARET A.<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, ninth child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer, was born Feb. 26, 1836<sup>a</sup> in Woodcock, Pa., and died June 5, 1914 in Eau Claire, Wis. She married in 1866 JOHN HANSEN BLYSTONE, born April 9, 1831, Cambridge Springs, Pa., the son of Abraham and Catherine (Kinder) Blystone. He died Jan. 21, 1907<sup>b</sup> in Marietta, Ohio. Interment of both was in Lake View Cemetery, Jamestown, N.Y.

The Blystones spent some time at farming and for a number of years conducted one of the boarding houses at Edinboro, Pa., seat of the Edinboro Normal School now College. They removed to Jamestown, N.Y., in 1882 where he became a merchant. Both died at the advanced age of over seventy-six of a cardiac condition and the complications of old age.

Children of MARGARET A. (Kepler) and JOHN H. BLYSTONE<sup>c</sup>:

- \* 86 i. George<sup>4</sup>, b.
- \* 87 ii. Harriet C.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1857.
- \* 88 iii. Helen Blanche (Nell)<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1859.
- \* 89 iv. Grace Cora (Kit)<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 11, 1863.
- \* 90 v. Alice Rosamond<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1865.
- \* 91 vi. Margaret (Ruby)<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 27, 1875.

Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Record.
- b. Parentage and date of death stated on interment certificate.
- c. Information by Pauline Farr (Mrs. A. L.) Lincoln, Lawrenceville, N.J.

15. ISAAC NEWTON<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, tenth child of Jacob Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer, was born Feb. 4, 1836, in Woodcock, and died May 12, 1894<sup>a</sup>. He married HANNAH PEIFFER, who was born in 1841. She died in 1905. Both were interred in Venango Cemetery. Newton Kepler lived for some time in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He conducted a hotel for a number of years in Sioux Falls, Minn.

## Children of I. NEWTON and HANNAH (Peiffer) KEPLER:

- \* 92 i. Earl Peter<sup>4</sup>, b. 1866.<sup>b</sup>
- \* 93 ii. Lillian<sup>4</sup>, b. 1875.

## Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Record; John A. Kepler, Erie, Pa.
- b. Gravestone, Venango Cemetery.

16. LUCINDA HELEN<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, eleventh child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer, b. Aug. 5, 1840 at Woodcock, Pa., d. May 25, 1915; m. Aug. 30, 1869, DAVID B. HATCH of Cleveland, O.<sup>a</sup>, b. July 3, 1832 in New York, d. Jan. 25, 1909 at Jamestown, N.Y.<sup>b</sup> David B. Hatch was an art dealer in Jamestown, N.Y. There were no children.

## Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Family Record.
- b. Cemetery records, Lake View Cemetery, Jamestown, N.Y.

17. RICHARD JASPER<sup>3</sup> KEPLER, twelfth child of Jacob<sup>2</sup> Kepler (Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Ann Margaret Peiffer, b. June 24, 1844, d. Nov. 26, 1931 in Deland, Fla.; m. June 11, 1870<sup>a</sup> in Wabasha, Minn., ELLEN McDUGALL, b. Mar. 19, 1848 in Wellsboro, Pa., daughter of William and Amanda (Weatherbee) McDougall. Ellen died Aug. 31, 1926 of pneumonia in Eau Claire, Wis.<sup>b</sup> Both were buried in Lake View Cemetery.

Richard Jasper Kepler was reared in his native county and Venango until he was eighteen years old, securing his education in the common schools of Venango and the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa. In 1863 he set out for the west settling in Wabasha, Minn., on the Mississippi at the mouth of the Chippewa River. Here he was employed as clerk in a general store. He removed in 1870 to Eau Claire, Wis. on the Chippewa, where he established a general store on his own account. The store was operated on a cash basis, an innovation for those days when most merchants pursued a credit system. In 1875, Sylvester S. Kepler and W. Lucien Kepler, sons of William Kepler and cousins of Jasper, became his associates under the firm name of Kepler and Co. In 1895, R. J. Kepler purchased his partners' interest and operated the store alone until in 1907 when it was incorporated under the name of the Kepler Co. and capitalized at \$100,000 with R. J. president and sons, C. J. and A. E. Kepler, treasurer and secretary. The business was enlarged, becoming an exclusive dry goods business including ladies wearing apparel and ranked as one of the leading establishments of northwestern Wisconsin. The business was gradually turned over to the sons.

R. J. Kepler in his later life lived most of the time at his winter home in Deland, Fla., coming north to visit his brothers and sister and their families each summer. Two of his nieces, Marjorie Siverling and Alice Rosamund Blystone, grew up and were married in his home. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Eau Claire. For a number of years he taught a Sunday School class of young men, many of whom became successful and upright men of affairs. "He was a man of great energy and activity and attained gratifying success through patient and persevering industry and upright business dealings, and merited the confidence and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him."<sup>c</sup>

Ellen McDougall Kepler was a woman of lovable character, active in her own quiet way in the affairs of church and city. Amanda Weatherby McDougall, her mother, traced her ancestry from John Weatherby, who emigrated from England and died at Stone, Mass., in 1711.<sup>d</sup>

## Children of RICHARD JASPER and ELIA (McDougall) KEPLER, born Eau Claire:

- \* 94 i. Charles Jacob<sup>4</sup>, b. May 11, 1871.
- 95 ii. George Jasper<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 20, 1872; d. Aug. 23, 1873, Eau Claire, Wis.
- \* 96 iii. Arthur Eugene<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 2, 1874.
- \* 97 iv. Richard Jasper<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 27, 1880.

## Authorities:

- a. Jacob Kepler Record. b. Family records owned by Charles Jacob Kepler, Eau Claire.
- c. History, Eau Claire County, William F. Bailey, p. 756. d. Letter by Charles J. Kepler.

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## SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRAY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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III. 26. JOSEPH GRAY (James 2, John 1), b. ; d. 1804, Fitchburg; m. int. 9 Oct. 1771, Fitchburg, SARAH FLAGG, b. Worcester; d. 25 Aug. 1799, Fitchburg, daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia Flagg.

Joseph Gray, a blacksmith, bought 60 acres in Fitchburg on 23 June 1770, the year before he was married. He died before 16 Mar. 1804, when Sarah, Timothy, and Thaddeus Gray petitioned the court to appoint their brother Joseph administrator of the estate of Joseph Gray, deceased. The heirs, on 22 Mar. 1811, were Nathaniel and Betsey Sanderson; Timothy, Thaddeus, and Joseph Gray; Joseph and Mary Boynton; Reuben and Lydia Smith; Abijah and Sarah Hartwell; and Thaddeus Gray as guardian of Abel and Dolly Gray.

Children: (first born Worcester, others born Fitchburg)

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| a. Sarah           | b. 26 Mar. 1772; d. aft. 28 June 1822; m. 11 Jan. 1809, Fitchburg, Abijah Hartwell; d. 30 Apr. 1820, Fitchburg.  |
| 75. b. Timothy     | b. 10 July 1774; m. Abigail Stone.   |
| c. Thaddeus        | b. 6 Feb. 1778; d. 3 Aug. 1858, Fitchburg. No record of heirs.   |
| d. Joseph          | b. 7 Dec. 1780; ? m. int. 26 Jan. 1804, Sally Winch ?.   |
| e. Mary (Polley)   | b. 16 Sept. 1783; d. 30 Mar. 1856, Westminster; m. 16 Oct. 1805, Joseph Boynton, b. 25 Aug. 1778, Westminster; d. 19 May 1855, Fitchburg.  |
| f. Lydia           | b. 18 Aug. 1785; m. int. 8 Sept. 1806, Fitchburg, Reubin Smith.  |
| g. Betsey Reed     | b. 12 July 1788; m. 9 Feb. 1808, Petersham, Nathaniel Sanderson 2nd, son of Moses Sanderson. She may have been named for Betsey Reed Tyler, wife of Amos Gray, No. 67. The Sandersons were living in Shutesbury on 15 Feb. 1820. |
| 76. h. Abel        | b. 29 July 1792; m. Lucretia Sanderson.  |
| i. Dorothy (Dolly) | b. 22 Aug. 1795; d. 8 Sept. 1825; m. 11 Sept. 1814, Westminster, Moses Mosman, b. 20 Jan. 1792; d. 9 July 1829, Fitchburg.   |

III. 27. AMASA GRAY (James 2, John 1), b. 25 July 1751, Holden; probably d. 18 Aug. 1798, ae. 46, Providence, R.I.; m. 5 Mar. 1775, Prov., R.I., SARAH TURPIN, dau. John & Sarah Turpin. Did she m. (2) 15 Dec. 1799, Prov., R.I., Christopher Cook? It is not certain that this Amasa Gray was the tanner of Prov., R.I., who bought a tan-yard in Prov. on 7 Apr. 1779. Amasa and his wife apparently separated as shown by the fact that on 21 Nov. 1795, Sarah, late wife of Amasa Gray secured an execution against him and took over some of his land. On 29 Oct. 1799, she sold a house and land in Prov. On 12 Apr. 1828, Benjamin Aplin of Woodstock, Ct., secured an execution against John Gray of Lisbon, New London Co., Ct., and the sheriff sold a lot in Providence to Welcome Gray of Wilmington, Del.

Children: (born Providence, R.I.)

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| a. Lydia     | b. 14 Aug. 1777; m. 16 Dec. 1792, Prov., R.I., Benjamin Aplin, Jr.  |
| b. Sarah     | b. 9 Jan. 1782; d. 14 Feb. 1782, Prov., R.I.  |
| c. Elizabeth | b. 6 Feb. 1783.   |
| d. Welcome   | b. 16 May 1785.   |
| e. John      | b. 31 Nov. 1787; ? m. 22 Apr. 1810, Prov., Betsey Chadell, dau. John Chadell ? Mrs. Betsey Gray drowned 5 Sept. 1815, Prov. Did he have a son George W. and a son John C., d. 8 Apr. 1868, ae. 56, Prov., R.I.? On 29 Mar. 1842, George W. Gray of Florida, Montgomery Co., N.Y., and John C. and Elizabeth H. Gray of Prov. sold land in Prov., R.I. |
| f. Amasa     | b. 7 Jan. 1789; d. 24 Sept. 1789, Prov., R.I.   |



FOURTH GENERATION

IV. 28. PATRICK GRAY (Aaron 3, Matthew 2, John 1), b. ab. 1760, Pelham; d. aft. 6 May 1820, perhaps Prescott or Shutesbury; m. (1) 28 Nov. 1782, New Salem, ABIGAIL SLOAN, b. New Salem; d. 1 Sept. 1795 (?), dau. of James & Lucy Sloan; m. (2) 27 Aug. 1795, Pelham, LOIS HUNTER, b. Greenwich; d. 17 Nov. 1799 (?), Pelham; m. (3) 12 Sept. 1799, Chester, BATESY MOOR, d. after 6 May 1820.

Patrick Gray was very probably son of Aaron Gray as shown by the following records: on 17 Feb. 1785, he bought the home farm of Elhanan Cowing. The deed was witnessed by Aaron Gray. The 1790 census shows Patrick's family living next to Aaron's home. Moses Gray, 2nd, (Capt. Moses, probably Patrick's brother) witnessed his deed dated 22 Feb. 1808 when he sold land and Capt. Moses's son Chester witnessed another of his deeds dated 22 Apr. 1812. The last record found of him is on 6 May 1820 when he and his wife Betsey sold the "farm I now live on" bounded by land of Patrick Gray, Jr., Moses Gray & Rounswell Pierce.

## Children: (born Pelham)

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| a. Son               | b. before 1790.  |
| 77. b. Patrick       | b. 28 Jan. 1788; m. Sarah Peirce.  |
| c. Roxy              | b. 2 Jan. 1790.  |
| d. Polly (Mary)      | b. 27 Aug. 1796; d. 20 Sept. 1880, Sunderland; m. (1) 21 May 1818, Pelham, Barnabus Sears, Jr., b. 1787, Hardwick; d. 20 Sept. 1820 of yellow fever, Savannah, Ga.; m. (2) Phineas Hemenway, d. 21 Dec. 1850, Shutesbury; m. (3) 27 Apr. 1854, Amherst, Clark Rowe, b. 23 Oct. 1791, Sunderland; d. 12 Sept. 1869, Sunderland. On 6 Mar. 1821, Polly Sears was appointed Admx. of estate of Barnabus Sears, Barnabus Sears, Sr., and William M. Gray, bondsmen. Polly Sears had a son Charles O., b. 29 Jan. 1819, Hadley.       |
| e. Lois              | b. 13 Apr. 1798; m. ---- Spencer; lived Elmira, N.Y., 17 June 1878.  |
| f. Mars (William M.) | b. 28 Nov. 1800; d. 15 July 1878, Chester, bur. Quabbin Cem.; unm. On 1 June 1852, Chester H. Gray of Prescott, quitclaim to William M. Gray of Hadley, rights in 32 acres in Prescott. The will of William M. Gray of Chester, dated 17 June, filed 7 Aug. 1878, named Henry L. Cook and John A. Morton of Hadley executors and bequeathed to sisters Mary S. Rowe of Amherst and Lois Spencer of Elmira, N.Y.; to nephew William Sears of Amherst, son of Charles O. Sears; and to Emily, wife of Washington Moore of Chester. |
| g. Oliver            | b. 17 Feb. 1802. No further record.  |

IV. 29. MATTHEW GRAY, third (Aaron 3, Matthew 2, John 1), b. ab. 1764, Pelham; m. 18 Aug. 1786, Greenwich, SARAH CROSSETT, b. 6 June 1767, Pelham, dau. Archibald & Sarah Crossett.

Matthew Gray bought 46 acres in Aaron Gray's homelot No. 60 on 7 Apr. 1783. He was living in Pelham in 1790 with two sons under 16, a wife, and one daughter. He and his wife sold land in Pelham on 20 Dec. 1797. The last record found of him was on 6 June 1801 when he sold 30 acres with buildings in New Salem.

## Children: (born Pelham)

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| a. Archabald         | b. 12 Jan. 1787.                     |
| b. Sally             | b. 24 May 1789.                      |
| c. Son               | b. before 1790 census.               |
| d. Sinthey (Cynthia) | b. 9 Mar. 1793; ? d. as. ab. 18-20 ? |
| e. Juliana           | b. 16 Aug. 1797.                     |

IV. 30. Capt. MOSES GRAY (Aaron 3, Matthew 2, John 1), b. ab. 1768, Pelham; d. 27 Jan. 1846, Prescott; m. (1) 11 Sept. 1793, New Salem, MERCY (MARY) MARIA WHITCHORN (WHITCOMB), b. 22 Oct. 1771, Leominster; d. 1 Sept. 1826, Prescott, bur. Quabbin Cem., dau. of Josiah & Mercy (Blood)

Whitcomb; m. (2) 22 May 1828, Hardwick, SUSANNAH WHITE DANFORTH, b. 28 Dec. 1781, Hardwick; d. 25 Jan. 1834, Prescott, bur. Quabbin Cem., dau. Jonathan & Ann (Ruggles) Danforth.

Moses Gray, second, was a member of the Pelham school committee in 1800 and 1803. Lt. Moses Gray was a selectman in 1804 and Capt. Moses Gray was a selectman in 1807 and 1811. He was Representative to the General Court in 1813. The probate of his estate, dated 1 Apr. 1847, named heirs: Dexter, Alfred W., Lydia, and the heirs of Chester Gray, ie. Mary (Nancy), Philena, and Chester Harrison.

Children: (born Pelham)

- 78. a. Chester b. 1 Sept. 1794; m. Lydia Shaw.
- b. Jabel (Isabel) b. 22 Aug. 1796; d. 2 July 1801, Pelham.
- c. Whitcomb b. 7 July 1798; d. 1 Apr. 1807, bur. Quabbin Cem.
- d. Dexter b. 13 Dec. 1801. Was of Sandusky, Ohio, on 31 Mar. 1847 when he sold his rights in the estate of his father. Was "lost in California" according to Mrs. Nellie Gray Elder.
- 79. e. Alfred Whitcomb b. 16 June 1810; m. Caroline Aldrich.

IV. 31. AARON GRAY (Aaron 3, Matthew 2, John 1), b. 24 Aug. 1774, Pelham; d. 3 Jan. 1854, g.s. Madison, Madison Co., N.Y.; m. LUCY ----, b. 25 Oct. 1776, Ct.; d. 5 Apr. 1858, g.s. Madison, N.Y.

No record has been found of Aaron Gray from his birth until 21 Nov. 1823 when he bought land in Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y. In 1837, he was living in Madison, N.Y., when he was appointed administrator of the estate of his son Aaron who had died in Arkansas. On 3 Mar. 1839, he and Lucy sold land in Oxford. The 1850 census shows Aaron Gray, farmer, ae. 75, b. Mass., living Madison, wife Lucy, ae. 72, b. Ct., and Mary M. Gray, ae. 30, b. N.Y. His widow Lucy was appointed admx. of his estate in 1854. Her will, dated 25 Dec. 1855, probated 8 June 1858, bequeathed to Mary M. Gray; Isabel Swift; Zebina Gray; Calista Gee, and Sylvester Gray.

Children: (probably born New York)

- a. Aaron b. ; d. 25 June 1837, Arkansas.
- b. Sylvester bought land in Madison on 3 Sept. 1846.
- c. Isabel m. ---- Swift.
- d. Anna b. 1807; d. 8 Sept. 1830, g.s. Madison Ctr. Cemetery.
- e. Zebina
- f. Calista m. ---- Gee.
- g. Phebe Ann b. 1815; d. 11 Nov. 1848, g.s. Madison Ctr. Cemetery.
- h. Mary M. b. 1820. Unmarried 25 Dec. 1855.

IV. 32. ELIOT GRAY (Jonathan 3, William 2, John 1), b. 17 Sept. 1755, Pelham; d. 1841, Morton, Tazewell Co., Ill.; m. int. 11 Feb. 1787, Pelham, HANNAH CRAWFORD, b. 29 Aug. 1762, Pelham; d. 1839, Morton, Ill., dau. James & Susanna Crawford.

Eliot Gray was a Revolutionary pensioner. His pension papers show his birth date and that he lived in Pelham, except for three years in Ashfield, until Sept. 1836 when he moved with his daughter Susannah and sons Eri and Willard to Morton, Ill., where he died five years later. On 10 Jan. 1793, his father deeded to him homelot No. 11 in Pelham and on 29 May 1797, he bought 30 acres additional. On 27 Oct. 1827, he and Hannah sold 30 acres from the east end of lot No. 11 and on 4 Apr. 1827, he deeded to son Willard 71 acres left in the home farm and the 30 acres purchased in 1797, Willard to support Eliot, wife Hannah, and daughter Margaret during their lives. See No. 56,214, Vol. 57, p. 73, D.A.R. Records.

Children: (born Pelham, second and third born Ashfield)

- a. Margaret b. 15 June 1788; prob. d. between 1827 and 1834.
- b. Susanna b. 8 May 1790; d. 1870; m. 27 Nov. 1815, Pelham, Samuel Clark, Jr.
- c. Pamela b. 11 Feb. 1792; d. 20 Nov. 1865, Waupun, Wisc.; m. 2 Nov. 1814, Pelham, Chester Chapin; b. 17 July 1787, Heath; d. 25 Jan. 1849, Waupun, Wisc., son Isaac & Hulda Chapin.
- d. Polly b. 6 Apr. 1794. No further record.

- e. Isriel b. 2 Nov. 1797; d. 5 May 1799, Pelham.
- f. Sarah b. 29 May 1800; d. 10 Aug. 1875, Ware; m. 27 May 1821, Pelham, Jason Carpenter, b. 8 Sept. 1793, Hardwick; d. 19 Aug. 1862, Ware, son Elijah and Sarah (Wing) Carpenter.
- g. Eri b. 21 May 1803; d. after 1860, prob. Morton, Ill.; unm. Town Clerk of Morton 1854 to 1859.
- h. Willard b. 17 Feb. 1806; d. after 1860, prob. Morton, Ill.; perhaps m. 1850-60, Mary A. ----, b. 1813, Pa.

IV. 33. ROBERT GRAY (Jonathan 3, William 2, John 1), b. 14 July 1757, Pelham; d. 13 Mar. 1848, Ashfield; m. 4 June 1779, Deerfield, KEZIAH FOSTER, d. 10 Sept. 1843, as. 88, Ashfield, perhaps dau. Isaac & Mary Foster of Lunenburg who had a daughter Keziah born 10 Feb. 1753.

Robert Gray was a Revolutionary soldier 1775-1777. He and his brother Jonathan settled in Ashfield about 1780. He was living there in 1790 with two males under 16 and five females, one probably his sister Margaret.

Children: (born Ashfield)

- a. Peggy b. 21 Mar. 1780; d. 25 Sept. 1807, Conway; m. 7 Sept. 1797, Ashfield, Samuel Hartwell, b. 6 Mar. 1775; d. 5 Dec. 1830.
- b. Submit b. 18 Oct. 1782; m. int. 17 Aug. 1805, Ashfield, Joseph Williams.
- 80. c. Eli b. 16 Dec. 1783; m. (1) Lydia Sears; m. (2) Betsy Lyon.
- 81. d. Elliott b. 1 Apr. 1786; m. Tryphosa Guilford.
- e. Keziah b. 14 May 1789; m. (1) 6 June 1811, Ashfield, James King, 2nd, b. 6 Oct. 1788, Ashfield; d. 29 Nov. 1824, Ashfield; m. (2) ----.
- f. Sally b. 18 Jan. 1791; d. 1879; m. 2 July 1807, Ashfield, Samuel Guilford, Jr., son Samuel & Betsy Cranston Guilford.

IV. 34. JONATHAN GRAY (Jonathan 3, William 2, John 1), b. 26 May 1762, Pelham; d. 18 Dec. 1847, Ashfield; m. 3 June 1784, Ashfield, LYDIA ALDEN, b. 16 Apr. 1764, Conway; d. 21 Mar. 1846, Ashfield, daughter David & Lucy (Thomas) Alden.

Jonathan Gray lived in Ashfield all of his married life. On 8 Apr. 1834 when he was 71 years old, he made a deposition in support of his brother Elliott's application for a pension. In it he mentioned that he and his father made a pit for burning charcoal in 1776. He evidently made a trip to New York State and Ohio in 1834. On 5 Mar. 1836, his brother James of Lake Twp., Wayne Co., Ohio, wrote "Eunice Aylsworth was married the next week after you were there." (Eunice Aylsworth, granddaughter of James Gray, m. 21 Oct. 1834, Noble Mix. See Aylsworth Gen.) On 6 Mar. 1835, Jonathan Gray deeded to sons Elias and David part of lot No. 29 in the third division in Ashfield.

Children: (born Ashfield)

- 82. a. Elias b. 1 July 1785; m. Sarah (Sally) Hitchcock.
- b. Irene b. 28 July 1787; d. 8 Mar. 1808, Ashfield.
- 83. c. David b. 30 July 1791; m. Mindwell Cross.
- d. Lucy b. 11 June 1793; d. 21 Mar. 1806, Ashfield.
- e. Lydia b. 5 Jan. 1796; d. 30 Jan. 1876, Ashfield; m. 4 Nov. 1841, Ashfield, Capt. William Bassett, b. 1782; d. 21 Sept. 1857.
- f. Nancy bp. 30 June 1799; d. soon.
- g. Nancy b. 30 Apr. 1800; d. before 27 Oct. 1879.
- h. Naomi b. 26 Aug. 1802; d. 16 Apr. 1884, Ashfield; unm. Her will, dated 27 Oct. 1879, bequeathed to Elliot Gray and his children; to sister Lydia Bassett and to the children of sister Mindwell Gray.

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"A man aroused to curiosity about his great grandfather is in a fair way to become a student of History." ---Professor Cyril Allen Herrick.



THE SCRAP BOOK OF ELLA E. DONELSON  
Contributed by Mrs. Ella L. Smith, Pontiac, Mich.  
Submitted by Mrs. E. V. Howlett, Pontiac, Mich.

Mrs. Donelson was a native of Commerce, Michigan, and most of the obituaries pasted in her scrap book had to do with people of that area or relatives of Mrs. Donelson. The obituaries have been edited somewhat, but with all vital statistics and pertinent genealogical facts retained. In some cases the date of death is not given nor is the date of the newspaper in which the obituary appeared, given. Material in parentheses has been added to the original.

ABBOTT, DR. JOHN ADKE was born in Allegheny County, N.Y. Nov. 9, 1839. He came to Michigan with his parents at the age of seven years and settled in the township of Novi. With the exception of a few years spent in Clinton County, he has since resided in Oakland County and for many years practised dentistry in this (Milford) village. He was a member of the Presbyterian church here. He married Dec. 18, 1857, Maryette D. Nicholson to which union were born four children. He is survived by his wife and three children - Mrs. Fred Knapp, Mrs. James Hart of Rogersville, and Joseph Abbott of Milford. He died at his home in Milford on Jan. 20. (Item dated 1901).

ALLEN, REV. C. T., formerly pastor of the M.E. Church in this city suffered a stroke of apoplexy in Detroit last week which resulted fatally. Rev. Allen had recently been in charge of the M.E. Church at Ypsilanti. At the recent M.E. Conference in Adrian, Mr. Allen resigned his charge in favor of his son, Rev. Eugene Allen, on account of his health. Rev. Allen was 63 years of age and was placed upon the superannuated list. The interment was made at Ypsilanti.

BAMBER, MRS. JOHN, a resident of Milford, and a pioneer of Oakland County died at her home Wednesday, Feb. 20, aged 95 years (item dated 1901).

BAMBER, MRS. JOHN, one of the old residents of this locality passed away last Saturday night, Dec. 13 (1914). She had been in failing health for five years and been tenderly cared for in her home by her son, Frank and her daughter, Miss Lizzie. The funeral was conducted at the farm residence west of Milford by Rev. H. M. Lawson and the interment was beside her husband in the West Highland cemetery. Mary Ann Crawford was born in Ireland, Apr. 29, 1829 and when four years old came to Michigan with her parents, her home having been first in Commerce and later in White Lake. At the latter place she was married Apr. 25, 1850 to John Bamber. They came at once to the farm on Section 1, Brighton, which has since been their home. She was a member for many years of the Highland Baptist Church where she was a regular attendant in years gone by. The surviving children are Judson Bamber of Milford, Mrs. Rollin Wood of Alma, Will Bamber of Oak Grove, besides Frank and Miss Lizzie previously mentioned.

BARKHAM, MARY WILKINSON died at her home in Commerce village Apr. 11, 1899, aged 88 years and 2 months. She was born near Kendall, Westmoreland County, England in 1811. She came to Canada in 1829, was married to Edward Barkham in 1832. She moved to Oakland County, Mich. in 1837, in which county she resided until her death. She united with the Episcopal Church, England, at the early age of 15. Moving to Rochester, Mich., she there united with the Congregational Church of that place. In 1865 she came to Commerce, uniting with the United Presbyterian Church, of which church she was a member at the time of her death. Nine children survive her - Christopher of Stillwater, Okla., James of Plano, Tex., Mrs. Benjamin Proctor of Romeo, Stephen of Atlas, Mich., Marshall of Flint, Mrs. T. B. Kennedy of Commerce, Agnes, Robert and Lina at home.

BIRD, REV. SAMUEL, who died in Indiana, was buried here today. (dated Denton, Mich., Mar. 15, 1900). He was 78 years old and was widely known in Michigan.

BOWEN, MRS. DELANA SESSIONS, died at her home in the southwestern part of Milford township Thursday evening, July 9, 1903. She was doubtless the oldest person in that vicinity, lacking but a month of completing her 99th year. Mrs. Bowen was born August 19, 1804 in Pomfret, Vermont. She was married Sept. 1, 1828 to Cromwell Bowen and in 1835 they came to the farm in the southern part of the township which has since been their home. Her husband died in

1878 and but three of her five children survive. They are Albert, Willard and Mrs. B. E. Longnecker, the last two of whom lived with her on the old homestead. She leaves two grandchildren, Ford and Jennie Burch of Wixom.

BROWN, LEROY N. of Clarkston, a member of the Board of Supervisors, died at his home on Tuesday evening. He was a native of Clarkston, having been born there on May 29, 1852. He studied law in Pontiac and has followed that profession since. He was postmaster of Clarkston for four years under Cleveland. Mr. Brown was married to Mary V. Selden in 1879. Of five children born to them, three survive. They are Guy C. of Pontiac, Leroy N. Jr. and E. Lucile.

BUTTOLPH, JOHN was born in Northeast Dutchess County, N.Y., Feb. 24, 1822 and came to Michigan four years later with his father, Rev. John Buttolph, a Baptist minister, who settled in Troy township, Oakland County, 1823. The family consisted of three brothers and two sisters. One sister, Mrs. S. M. Gerls of Detroit, still survives him. He died Nov. 16, 1904 at the age of 82 years. He leaves a widow and seven children, Mrs. John N. Leowry, Mrs. Lucy B. Gerls, Julia C. Buttolph, Charles S., Mrs. L. D. Allen, Willis H., and Henry J.

CALKINS, MRS. DANIEL passed away at her home in Highland township, Tuesday, Sept. 26 (yr. not indicated), after a brief illness. The deceased, whose maiden name was Sarah S. Hilton, was born in New York state, Oct. 1, 1830. She was married to Daniel H. Calkins, Jan. 20, 1849. Of their seven children, four are living - Ira of Highland, Mrs. Geo. Newsome and Freely of Fowlerville and Mrs. Ormond Kennedy of Indiana. She had been a resident of Oakland County for fifty-nine years.

CAMPBELL, JOHN M. L., son of the late Colin Campbell died at Orchard Island, Orchard Lake, June 20, 1901.

CAREY, JAMES SR. died in Commerce June 14, 1898, after an illness of several months. He was a veteran and faithful member of the G.A.R. Post. He leaves a wife, eight sons and three bros. and also one brother, Wm. Carey of Avon.

CARLTON, MRS. SARAH, mother of Mrs. William Fall, died at her home in Commerce on Monday, the 6th inst. (Feb. 6, 1899), at the age of 74 years. The funeral services were held on Wednesday following and the remains were interred in the Commerce cemetery.

CLARK, REV. WILLIAM J., a pastor of the M.E. Church at Walled Lake, died very suddenly on Thursday, Apr. 28, about noon. He was 69 years of age and had been in the ministry over 40 years. He leaves a widow and eight children, six sons and two daughters. He was buried at Dundee. (Pontiac Gazette, May 4, 1904).

CLARK, MRS. SARAH, wife of Wm. Clark, died at her home in the twp. of Commerce on Monday (item dated July 8, 1901), at the age of 87 years. The deceased was for many years a resident of Milford, living in the village and also on a farm in the southeastern part of the township.

CORRETT, MRS., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Darling, in this village, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1904. Interment in Commerce cemetery.

COTCHER, ROBERT, a resident of Flushing, died at his home in that village at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, July 14th (1895). Deceased was born on the Isle of Man in 1820 and at the age of 8 years came to this country, locating near Albany, N.Y. In 1846 he removed to Ann Arbor, this state, and a few years later went to Albion, whence he moved to Flushing in 1867. He was a blacksmith by trade. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Jean Chapin, of Flushing, four brothers, William, James and John, who live near Pontiac and Daniel of Flushing; also a sister, Mrs. Crickmore of Montrose. His wife died about two years ago.

CRAWFORD, MRS. ADA CRICKMORE, wife of John E. Crawford of Milford and sister of Mrs. Angus McCallum of Asylum Avenue, died on Tuesday, the 28th inst. (Jan. 1895). She was the daughter of Robert and Mary Crickmore, formerly of West Bloomfield. Mrs. Crawford was of a family of ten children, of which five brothers and four sisters survive her.

CRAWFORD, MRS. JANE, died at her home east of Milford, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1899, at 6:30 A.M. Jane Lynn was born at Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 28, 1827. At an early age she came to America

with her parents who settled in Commerce on the farm now owned by Samuel Stephens. In 1844 she married David Stephens and came to the home where she died. Twelve children were born to them, several of whom survive. In 1876 her husband died. In 1880 she married Mr. John Crawford, moving to the home in Milford, where she resided for seven years, returning to the old homestead soon after his death.

CRAWFORD, MISS MARY E., died at her home in Milford Monday morning, July 1, 1901, aged 49 yrs. She was born in Milford and had always made her home there. She was a daughter of the late Alfred Crawford, a sister of Franklin and Clark of the Crawford Abstract office in this (Pontiac) city. She was a member of the United Presbyterian and Congregational Church of Milford for many years. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. James Padley, and five brothers, Walter and James of Milford, Clark and Franklin of Pontiac, and Thomas of Gratiot County.

CRIPPEN, MRS. W. W. died at her home in South Milford, Saturday, Apr. 27. She leaves a husband and three sisters, Mrs. M. L. Stringer, Mrs. H. Zanghray, and Mrs. D. Goldy, all of Milford. Funeral and interment held at Milford Apr. 30 (1901).

CURTIS, MRS. ALLAN, wife of a prominent farmer of Commerce township, is dead. (dated Milford, March 15, 1900).

DANDISON, JOSEPH, died yesterday morning (Dec. -- 1897) at his home on Wayne street. He was 82 years of age and had lived in this city (Pontiac) the past ten years. The funeral will occur in the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

DANDISON, WILLIAM M., aged 76, died Sunday, May 18th at the res. of his daughter Mrs. John Sharp of Royal Oak. He was born in Lincolnshire, Eng., Aug. 28, 1824, came to America in 1851 and settled near Birmingham only two miles from where he died. In 1856 he was married to Ellen Trollope. Mr. Dandison was a resident of White Lake 35 years. He leaves three sons and a daughter, Washington, Raymond and Bryon, and Mrs. Nettie Sharp. Remains were taken to the Commerce Cemetery.

DEWEY, MR. ORVILLE, a well known pioneer resident of Waterford township, died at his home in Four Towns Sunday night, aged about 75 years. He leaves a wife and two children, a son and a daughter both married. He was a good citizen and successful farmer. (Feb. 26, 1898)

DONALDSON, MISS ELLA. This week it becomes our sad duty to record the death of Miss Ella, dau. of William Donaldson, Esq. of Commerce. She died suddenly on Wednesday last, April 26, 1876, after a brief illness, aged 18 yrs., 7 mos., 29 days. Deceased leaves a father, mother, two sisters and a brother to mourn her untimely end.

DONALDSON, JOHN, a veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at his home in this city on the morning of May 28, 1910. The funeral services were held at the house, May 31, and were conducted by Rev. Clapp of the Methodist Church. At the grave the services were in charge of James F. McGinley Post G.A.R. to which the deceased belonged for a number of years. He was born in Onondaga County, N.Y., in 1841 and moved with his parents to Oakland Co., Mich., when about 5 years old. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. A, Twenty Second Regiment Michigan Volunteers and served till the close of the war. In 1867 he came to Manistee County and entered a homestead near Bear Lake. In 1871 he married Miss Jennie Hannaford and a few years later removed to Manistee where the family have lived most of the time since. Mrs. Donaldson survives him, also an adopted daughter, Mrs. Belle Sargent of Salt Lake City.

DONALDSON, WILLIAM, died in Commerce, Aug. 21 (1896), after a short illness. His age was 69 years and 11 months. Mr. Donaldson was a man highly respected by all, a gentleman and scholar, master of several languages and up-to-date in every respect. He leaves a widow and three children, Mrs. George W. Smith of Pontiac, William G. of Chicago and Miss Emma who lives at home.

DONALDSON, MRS. WILLIAM, 83, who for the last 80 years has been a resident of this (Oakland) county, died Saturday (Jan. 20, 1917). Mrs. Donaldson was a daughter of Jared and Marjory Newsom and was born Oct. 13, 1824. The family came to Commerce when she was about 2 years old. She was married in 1853 to William Donaldson and shortly afterwards moved into her home in this village (Commerce) where she had spent practically all the balance of her life. Mrs.

Donaldson was the mother of Mrs. George W. Smith of Pontiac, wife of the circuit judge. Surviving are two daughters and one son, Mrs. Smith of Pontiac, and Miss Emma and Dr. J. W. at home; four sisters, Mrs. Youngman of Lakeview, Mrs. Marjory Bird and Mrs. Edwin Lockwood of Northville and Mrs. Lucinda Hyatt of Emmet, and two brothers, Jared Newsom of Newago and George Newsom of Fowlerville. Burial was in the Commerce Cemetery.

EVANS, MRS. SARAH, (Item dated Mar. 15, 1909). The funeral services of Mrs. Sarah Evans were held at the home of Dr. Chapman Saturday at 10:00 A.M. She was laid to rest at the side of her mother, Mrs. Still at Commerce. Sarah Evans was born at Commerce. After her marriage to Oliver Evans she came here (Walled Lake) to live and has spent most of her life here. Her brother, Grant Still, wife and son Bert of Chicago came for the services.

FIELDS, MRS. GEO., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, died at her home here on the morning of May 7th (1896) and was buried in the Commerce cemetery last Saturday. She leaves a husband and three children besides her aged parents to mourn her loss.

FIELDS, THOMAS RODMAN, an old and well known resident of Commerce, died at his home Sept. 1 (1901). He was 83 years of age and leaves a widow, four sons and three daughters. At ten o'clock the same morning, Mrs. Fred Field gave birth to a son in the same house. Fred is a son of Rodman Field.

FINK, DR. J. A. died Feb. 9, 1894 at the age of 33 years. He came to Commerce village in 1886 an entire stranger to us all. Had just graduated from the Michigan University at Ann Arbor and was an authorized M.D. He leaves a wife and five children.

FLOWER, THERON A. was born in Cornwall, Addison Co., Vermont, Oct. 17, 1814. At four years of age he removed with his parents to St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., and later to Ohio near the Pennsylvania line and when he was twelve years old back to N.Y. state. Then in May 1835 to Michigan. He worked for John Farmer on his map of Michigan for two years, teaching during the winters. He then worked in a general store in Birmingham for two and a half years and in 1841 went into business for himself at Chagrin Falls, Ohio. From 1842 to 1852 he was in business in Birmingham. Was elected register of deeds of Oakland County in January, 1851. He then removed to Pontiac; was Mayor of Pontiac in 1863, 1875 and 1876. He was married Jan. 6, 1846 to Miss Sylvia Morris who survives him, together with their three children, Mrs. John D. Norton, Mrs. Charles B. Pittman and Theron Morris Flower. Having purchased in 1877 a valuable ranch in Lower California consisting of 18000 acres in a beautiful valley just across the U.S. boundary line, he has spent most of his time there since that date. In this land of sun and flowers, on the broad domain which he had acquired for himself and his posterity, he peacefully fell asleep. (undated memorial presented at a Commandery No. 2 conclave at Pontiac on April 2, 1901 in tribute to Past Commander Theron A. Flower).

GERIS, THOMAS F. died at 7 A.M. Tuesday, Apr. 17, 1900. He was born of Irish-French stock in Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 13, 1820, his age being, at the time of his death, 79 years, 8 mos. and 4 days. In 1845 Mr. Geris settled in Avon twp., this (Oakland) county, choosing farming as his avocation. On Dec. 31, 1846, he married Miss Sarah, dau. of Rev. John Buttolph, who was one of the first Baptist missionary ministers to come into the state of Michigan. Mr. Geris was a member of the Masonic fraternity, member of the Pontiac Commandery No. 2, K.T.

GREEN, JARVIS J. died last Monday morning (clipping dated Oct. 20, 1903). Mr. Green was born in Farmington, Mich., March 13, 1829. His father died when he was but seven years of age leaving a large family. On January 16, 1856, Mr. Green was married to Miss Elizabeth Harger. Four children were born to them, the only one surviving being their daughter, Ella. Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

GROW, MARGAREY MORRIS was born in Rose, N.Y., Sept. 1822 and was married Oct. 1840 to Thomas Grow at Waterford, Mich. From there moved to White Lake and afterwards two miles northeast of Pontiac where for many years they made their home and where their children were reared. Five children survive and are S. Andrew of Greenville, Palmer, Philadelphia and DeWitt W. and Thomas of Bay City, and Mrs. F. W. Burtch of this city. Fifteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Grow came to Pontiac. On Sunday morning, July 30, 1899, she passed to the Home beyond. The four sons conveyed the remains to Oak Hill for interment.

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BAPTISMAL RECORDS, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
 Detroit, Michigan  
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Name of Child & Parents	Baptism	Birth	Sponsors & Witnesses
DOTY, James	Dec. 5, 1824	ae. 3 y. 4 m.	The Parents
" William	" " "	ae. 1 y. 3 m.	" "
ch. Ellis & Ruth P	Mt. Clemens		
SYKES, Margaret	Dec. 9, 1824	ae. 4 wks. 1 d.	Wm. & Anna Hall &
dau. Moving(Mooning?) & Mary			Margaret Collins
ELDERED, Francis Edward	Jan. 1, 1825	Sept. 12, 1812	The Mother
" Elisha	" " "	Jan. 12, 1818	" "
" Anson	" " "	Apr. 14, 1820	" "
" Sarah Ann	" " "	Mar. 25, 1824	" "
ch. Julius & Mindwell			
ESDELL, John	Jan. 9, 1825	Nov. 30, 1815	" "
" Sarah Ann	Jan. 12, 1825	Sept. 17, 1814	The Parents
" David	" " "	Apr. 10, 1819	" "
" Isabella	" " "	Feb. 21, 1821	" "
ch. David & Sarah			
COMPARET, Henry	Feb. 2, 1825	Apr. 3, 1824	The Father
s. John B. & Harriot			
HOPKINS, Henry Loucks	Feb. 2, 1825	Feb. 16, 1823	The Parents
s. Norman & Mary Catherine			
DELAMATER, Abraham	Feb. 13, 1825	May 12, 1795	L. Brown, A. S. Wells
PIUME, Priscilla	Feb. 20, 1825	Feb. 8, 1825	The Parents
dau. Joseph & Therese			
WHITING, John Talman	Mar. 6, 1825	Mar. 13, 1822	" "
s. John L. & Harriet C.			
WHITNEY, George Leffingwell	Mar. 6, 1825	Feb. 27, 1824	" "
s. John L. & Harriet C.			
WILCOX, Eben North	July 10, 1825	Dec. 4, 1820	" "
" Orlando Bolivar	" " "	Apr. 16, 1823	" "
" Julia Ann Trumbull	" " "	Oct. 28, 1824	" "
ch. Charles & Almira			
SNELLING, James Gaston	July 17, 1825	Oct. 10, 1822	" "
" Marion Isabella	" " "	Dec. 8, 1824	" "
ch. Josiah & Abigail		Ft. Snelling	
DELAMATER, Abigail Jane	July 17, 1825	Sept. 7, 1824	" "
dau. Abraham & Margaretta			
SIATER, Martha Frances	July 21, 1825	Dec. 25, 1823	The Mother
dau. late Thos. H. & Elizabeth			
BIDDLE, Margaretta Faulkner	July 22, 1825	July 6, 1825	John Biddle for Wm. S.
dau. John & Eliza F.			Biddle, Eliza S. Trowbridge; and Mary Hunt for Ann Biddle

GARRATT, Robert Nelson s. Robert & Mary Eliza	July 29, 1825 Fort Gratiot	Feb. 1, 1824	The Father
FOOT, Ann Platt da. Lyman & Ann T.	Aug. 25, 1825 Fort Brady	Aug. 20, 1824	The Parents
INNIS, Mary Elizabeth da. Thomas & Rebecca	Aug. 28, 1825 Fort Brady	May 31, 1824	" "
GAGE, Jeremiah Henry s. Philip & Alice	Nov. 14, 1825	Aug. 19, 1825	William Thorn, Lewis Davenport
WELLS, Cornelia Madison da. Rufus & Anna	Dec. 11, 1825	Apr. 15, 1825	The Parents
RUCKER, Catharine Elizabeth " Eliza Whiting ch. John A. & Sarah	Jan. 30, 1826 " " " Grosse Ile	Apr. 24, 1821 Feb. 15, 1824	" " " "
ARMSTRONG, Stephen Champlin s. John & Elizabeth Baptized by Robert Short of Sandwich	Apr. 9, 1826	Mar. 11, 1826	John Armstrong, Joseph Kidd & Nancy Cary
MOON, Matthew	May 14, 1826	Mar. 7, 1798	Levi Brown & Chas. Willcox
AMSDEN, John	May 14, 1826	Apr. 9, 1809	" " " " "
PICKETT, Hannah da. Samuel & Hannah	May 14, 1826	May 26, 1814	Mrs. Bradish
BROWN, Frances Louisa da. Levi & Louisa	May 14, 1826	Mar. 20, 1826	The Parents & Mrs. E. F. Biddle
TROY, George Henry s. Joseph & Barbara	May 14, 1826	Jan. 15, 1826	The Mother
LAVIERE, William " Leila Leon	May 14, 1826 " " "	Apr. 1814 May 1816	Mrs. Bradish " "
SMITH, Sophia	Sept. 17, 1826	Aug. 14, 1802	Henry B. Smith, Mrs. Ann Howard
SMITH, Maria Sophia da. Henry B. & Sophia	Sept. 17, 1826	Sept. 9, 1826	Henry B. Smith, Mrs. Ann Howard
DELIAMATER, Frederick s. Abraham & Margaretta	Oct. 3, 1826	July 28, 1826	The Parents
TURNER, Lucinda da. William & Mary	Oct. 8, 1826	Apr. 23, 1823	" "
DUNKS, Frederick David s. George K. & Mary	Oct. 8, 1826	Feb. 5, 1826	The Mother
TROY, Jane da. Joseph & Barbara	Oct. 8, 1826	Aug. 28, 1826	" "
CHAPPEL, Braddock bap. 6 mi. north of Detroit	Nov. 1, 1826	June 1771	Mary Ann Chappel
MCGINNIS, Henry s. Paul & Mary	Apr. 21, 1827	Sept. 18, 1826	The Mother

WHITNEY, Elizabeth Heroine dau. John L. & Harriet C.	Apr. 21, 1827	Dec. 9, 1826	The Parents
BURNET, Jane " Thomas ch. Thomas & Sarah Ann	Aug. 9, 1827	Sept. 14, 1826 Apr. 1, 1827	The Mother, Joseph Kidd " " " "
FRENCH, John s. John & Elizabeth	Aug. 15, 1827	Aug. 31, 1826	John French, John Haman & Theresa Barnet
ARMSTRONG, John Washington s. John & Elizabeth	Aug. 31, 1827	Aug. 10, 1827	John Armstrong, Stephen & Susan Lampher
JUSTICE, Patty " Ann ch. John & Frances	Nov. 25, 1827	Oct. 6, 1827 Feb. 3, 1826	Patr. McDonnell & Sarah Bates T. Driscoll & I. Black
BIDDLE, George Johnstone s. John & Eliza	Nov. 27, 1827	Oct. 14, 1827	Henry Whitney for George Johnstone; John Biddle for Richard Biddle & Miss Mary Claypoole
WELLS, Jane dau. Rufus & Anna	May 25, 1828	Feb. 22, 1828	The Parents
NOBLE, Francis Eugene s. Sylvanus & Sarah	May 30, 1828	July 1, 1824	" "
KNAGGS, George Henry s. George B. & Matilda	June 13, 1828	Aug. 9, 1827	" "
ROSSITER, John Abbott s. John & Elizabeth	July 1, 1828	June 8, 1827	Miss Cath. Rossiter
HALL, James Richard s. James & Jane	July 1, 1828	Apr. 17, 1815	The Mother
TROWERIDGE, Catherine Whipple	Aug. 24, 1828	Feb. 27, 1809	Mrs. Margaretta Bradish Mrs. Sarah Maccomb H.M. Campbell & Levi Brown
GOODELL, Alexander	Aug. 24, 1828	ae. 23 years	
HENDREE, Virginia dau. John & Harriet Key	Aug. 24, 1828	Nov. 28, 1827	The Parents
THOMPSON, John s. John & Anne	Aug. 27, 1828	Sept. 23, 1827	Baptized in private during sickness
WHITING, John Francis s. Henry & Eliza M.	Sept. 21, 1828	May 26, 1828	Henry Whitney, Sarah Maccomb
TROWERIDGE, Frederick Sibley s. Charles C. & Catherine W.	Sept. 21, 1828	Sept. 28, 1827	The Parents
FRENCH, Alexander Joseph s. John & Elizabeth	Oct. 7, 1828	Sept. 1, 1828	Baptized in private during sickness
CRAWFORD, Sally	Oct. 12, 1828	Aug. 13, 1797	Robert, Sarah & David Crawford
CRAWFORD, Riley Crooks s. Robert & Sally	Oct. 12, 1828	Jan. 27, 1817	Robert & Senah Crawford



CRAWFORD, Eunice Knox	Oct. 12, 1828	Feb. 1, 1819	Robert & Senah Crawford
" Sally Anne	" " "	May 1, 1821	" " " "
" Mary Senah	" " "	Mar. 14, 1824	" " " "
" Martha	" " "	Dec. 18, 1826	" " " "
ch. Robert & Sally			
NOYES, Mary Ann	Oct. 18, 1828	Mar. 9, 1825	The Parents & Sally Noland
dau. Abraham & Fanny			
NOYES, Abraham	Oct. 18, 1828	Aug. 31, 1828	" " " " "
s. Abraham & Fanny			
HARGROVE, Elizabeth Clara Coombs	Oct. 20, 1828	May 17, 1828	George, Elizabeth & Alonzo
dau. James & Elizabeth			Francis Coombs & Emma
DEAN, Emma	Oct. 20, 1828	Aug. 4, 1828	Hargrove
dau. Frederick & Barbara			Alonzo Francis Coombs &
			Barbara Dean
FRENCH, Nancy	Nov. 2, 1828	as. 5 y. 2 m.	Sarah Macomb, Anna Wells &
dau. John & Elizabeth			John Hayman
JACKSON, Ann	Nov. 16, 1828	Mar. 1827	The Parents
dau. Charles & Ann			
COLLINS, Catherine	Dec. 11, 1828	as. abt 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	Baptized in private
" Lucretia	Dec. 13, 1828	as. abt 1 yr.	during sickness
ch. John & Margaret			
CHIPMAN, Eliza Cochrane	Dec. 22, 1828	June 6, 1822	The Parents
" Albert Nathaniel	Dec. 22, 1828	Dec. 29, 1825	" "
ch. Henry & Martha Mary			
CRONEWETH, Susan	Jan. 4, 1829	Dec. 1, 1828	Blasius Boussat, Elizabeth
dau. Martin & Anna Maria			Boussat, Wm. Tim
PEARSON, Julia Ann	Jan. 12, 1829	May 31, 1828	Joseph Kidd
dau. George & Isabella			Catherine Cooper
TRUAX, Frances LeBreton	Jan. 18, 1829	Aug. 7, 1826	John & Frances Truax
dau. Major & Julia			
JONES, Nelson	Mar. 2, 1829	Jan. 20, 1829	Mindwell Eldred, Anna Wells
" John	" " "	Apr. 3, 1822	" " " "
ch. Richard & Eleanor			
HAZEL, Stephen "Hazel"	Mar. 3, 1829	Feb. 12, 1829	The Parents
s. John & Elizabeth			
DENNISON, Mary Elizabeth	Mar. 18, 1829	Nov. 26, 1828	" "
dau. Scipio & Charlotte	bap. vicinity of Pontiac		
JUSTICE, Henry	Mar. 22, 1829	Mar. 9, 1829	Patrick McDonnell &
s. John & Frances			E. Edscholl
CLARK, Thomas Hill	Apr. 16, 1829	Oct. 17, 1829	H. M. Campbell &
s. Thomas B. & Deborah B.			Miss Mary Campbell
BROWN, Levi William	June 6, 1830	Oct. 2, 1829	The Parents &
s. Levi & Louise L. (Mother's			Henry M. Campbell
maiden name Shurtleff)			

To be continued

## A HILL FAMILY LETTER

Contributed by Edwin P. Hill, Indianapolis, Ind.

The following letter was sent to the contributor by Alexander Cleveland Hill of Toronto, Can., in response to an inquiry concerning his Hill connections. He had this to say concerning his relationship to the persons mentioned in the letter.

"My father, Edward, son of Thomas and Harriet, was born in Syracuse (N.Y.) and learned his trade with relatives -- the Smiths likely, in Newark, N.J. My grandfather Thomas may at one time have lived in Detroit, that I do not know. Of my father's sisters and brothers my knowledge is very scant. Mary Ann was Mrs. Winter, Matilda Mrs. Shipley, Elizabeth Mrs. Kettlewell, Eliza Mrs. Weston, but of Harriet I am unaware of her marital status, if any." Mrs. Weston and the Jack Laing's were living in Windsor, Can. shortly before 1900.

"Detroit, Mich. Sep. 17/1901

Mrs. Hattie Laing: (formerly Miss Shipley)

"Dear Niece -

"I herewith furnish you with a very brief summary of the history or biography of a few of my and your ancestors.... It must be confined mainly to my father's family, having slight knowledge of the antecedents of those on my mother's side....

"My purpose will be sufficiently fulfilled by commencing with the Rev. Rowland Hill, whose eminent career as a Church of England divine caused his name to be... inscribed in Westminster Abbey. ...Next in line is Rowland Hill, one of the leading generals under Wellington... at Waterloo. ...Rowland Hill, my father's cousin, the person who caused penny postage to be adopted by the government of Great Britain. ... It may be well here to relate the incident which led up to this superb achievement: When on a journey, Rowland Hill (then untitled) put up at a wayside inn. Whilst there the postman stopped and delivered a letter to a serving maid. The postal charge was one shilling for each letter, with increased rate for increased distance. The girl took the letter, scanned the outside carelessly and handed it back, refusing to pay the postage and accept the letter. This caught the attention of Hill and excited his curiosity, so he offered the lass a shilling, thinking her too poor, perhaps, to pay the amount. This she refused to accept and the postman departed with the letter. Later he (Mr. Hill) inquired and she stated she could well afford to pay but that she had seen on the outside a private mark telling her the writer was well and that was all she desired to know. Herein he found a clue to the deficit in the monetary affairs of the post office department. ... For seven years he beset the House of Commons, etc., advocating cheap postal rates on the theory that would bring in more money to the government and pay better than the shilling fee. A year's trial of his plan having proved successful, he was named SIR Rowland Hill and awarded the office of Acting Postmaster General.

"Thomas Hill, my father, was born at Leeds, England, 1800. After marriage he came to the United States... and on his return to England by vessel (no steamships then) he met with an accident that confined him two years in hospital and eventuated in a slight lameness. Later... he returned to America and remained permanently. He subsequently met with financial loss by a disastrous fire in Syracuse, N.Y. shortly after his establishment there in 1830, I believe, and then started west and settled in Sandwich Co. Essex, Ontario, where he died in 1863. He had a family of ten children of which your mother, Matilda, was the third child. Their names, in order of age: Frederick, Mary Ann, Matilda, Elizabeth, Edward, Eliza, John, Harriet, Rowland (the writer hereof) and Alfred.

"Father never spoke or wrote much about his family living in England. He corresponded with a sister (Mrs. Smith) who resided in Newark, N.J. I attended him a fortnight before he died -- sleeping in the same room. Reading to him of the American civil war, then in progress, he told me that the two Confederate generals by the name of Hill were two cousins of his who emigrated to this side of the Atlantic six months before he came over, and that they had written home only once, from Kentucky. He told me of the kinship narrated and said they always kept the name Rowland in the family, when possible. By this veneration for a particular name alone, the descent is verified but church records permit of no uncertainty.

"My mother was Miss Harriet Wales of the City of York, in Co. York, England. Her father was a ship owner and navigator who sailed his own vessel to China and other foreign countries. In later years he became an extensive coal merchant in York, England, and had many coal barges plying on the river Ouse. After selling out business there he crossed the Atlantic, settling in Tully, N.Y. There he lived with grandma Wales, pursuing no business. They both died at the ripe old age of 93 and 94.

"Mother had three brothers and one sister (Mrs. Fletcher). The names of her brothers were Henry, Peter and Nicholas. The Fletchers and Henry Wales leave children in New York State. Peter (the sailor) who brought mother (then a girl) presents from China (some of which are still in my wife's possession) was with the convoy that escorted Napoleon to St. Helena. He did not marry, and died at sea. Nicholas was a printer and worked in Detroit, at the time of his death. One of his children, (Mrs. Robinson) is living as also her two daughters Alice and Jessie.

"Father and mother were born in 1800. The former died in 1863 and the latter in 1873, as near as my recollection serves, and lie buried, side by side, in St. John's Episcopal Churchyard, Sandwich, Ont., Can., where rest also Alfred, Harriet and Frederick, the oldest. The latter ... took part in the expedition which drove the pirates from Fighting Island and in rout of the murderous incendiaries at Baby's Orchard, Windsor. His honorable discharge, signed by Captain Wilkinson, is now in my wife Juna's custody. Father bore arms and did useful duty also, though too lame to march in rank...."

(signed) "Rowland Hill"

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RECORDS FROM THE BIBLE OF JAMES KITCHEN  
Contributed by Mrs. Clarence C. Nesbit, Palmyra, N.Y.

These records are from a Bible published by Kimber & Sharpless of Philadelphia. Dr. Nesbit purchased it from a descendant in Canada. The three men designated thus \* came to Ontario, Canada and settled near Bloomsburg near Simcoe, but soon moved to S. Dumfries Tp. in County of Brant (St. George); James on Lot 7, con 4, Edward on Lot 13, con 3, Richard on Lot 3, con 13. The latter soon sold out and went to Michigan.

James	Kitchen	born	Feb. 28, 1791	Elizabeth	Kitchen	born	Aug. 20, 1824
Cornelia(Bray)	"	"	Apr. 30, 1792	Rachel	"	"	Feb. 28, 1826
John	"	"	Feb. 15, 1814	James	"	"	Sept. 7, 1828
Willson	"	"	Mar. 8, 1816	Joseph	"	"	Mar. 17, 1830
Martin	"	"	Mar. 8, 1818	Benj.	"	"	Aug. 25, 1833
Susan	"	"	Sept. 12, 1821	Edw.	"	"	Nov. 21, 1836

John Kitchen of N.J. born Mar. 25, 1756. (Father was an ironmonger)  
Susanna Bird " Apr. 1766

Joseph	Kitchen	born	Oct. 29, 1786	*Edward	Kitchen	born	Sept. 14, 1800
Mary	"	"	Dec. 6, 1788	Ester	"	"	Apr. 23, 1804
*James	"	"	Feb. 28, 1791	Rachel	"	"	Aug. 1, 1805
Joanna	"	"	Aug. 7, 1793	John	"	"	Aug. 7, 1807
Elizabeth	"	"	Mar. 18, 1796	Susanna	"	"	Aug. 12, 1810
*Richard	"	"	May 1, 1798				

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IN MEMORY Norman Irving Taylor was born to parents, Nettie Carruthers and Irving Henry Taylor, in Windsor, Ont., where the family resided temporarily while the father established a laboratory for the Frederick Stearns Co. The Taylor family was of N.J. and N.Y. background, coming later to Ohio and Detroit. Mr. Taylor went to school in Detroit and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1909 and immediately began on his life's work of advertising writing. In a controversy in Leslie's Weekly in 1911 on "Is the Automobile a Menace?" he ably defended the automobile and predicted its future enormous popularity. In later years his attention turned to combating communism and he planned and executed the first advertising campaign against that influence under the sponsorship of the American Legion. So ably was this done, that his work drew first prize from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in the same year that The Freedom Train received third prize. Mr. Taylor was a member of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, charter member of the Adcraft Club and president of National Selling Service. He married in 1913, Myrtle Keller and they had two daughters, Mrs. Dan W. Myers of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. John Gilster of St. Louis, Mo. His wife, two daughters and five grandchildren survive him.

A COOLEY BIBLE RECORD  
Contributed by Charles Fey, Birmingham, Mich.

The Bible was printed in Philadelphia by A. J. Holman & Co., 930 Arch street, 1876. It was presented to Chester Cooley Esq. by his Daughter Hannah Cooley, Romeo, Mich., June 19, 1879. Chester D. Cooley presented to the contributor in 1929.

This certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Mr. Chester Cooley of Bruce and Miss Jane Risor of Washington on the twenty-fourth of August A.D. 1838 at Washington Macomb Co., Michigan. By Rev. Abel Warren.

Births	Chester Cooley	June	19th A.D. 1817
	Jane Risor	Jamary	1st A.D. 1817
	Noah Cooley	August	3rd A.D. 1839
	Polly Cooley	February	14th A.D. 1842
	Anna Cooley	April	17th A.D. 1843
	Chester Dyke Cooley	September	15th A.D. 1845
	Sarah Jane Cooley	July	12 A.D. 1848
	Eunice Beach Cooley	May	3rd A.D. 1853
	Manley B. Cooley	May	2nd A.D. 1863

Marriages Chester Cooley and Jane Risor were married at Washington August 24 A.D. 1838  
 Noah Cooley and Sarah M. Cooley were married .....  
 Polly Cooley and Oren Woodbeck were married .....  
 Anna Cooley and Elon C. Collice were married in Bruce .....  
 Chester Dike Cooley and Hannah Ingesbey (Ingalsby) were married .....  
 Sarah Jane Cooley and John S. Perry were married at .....  
 Eunice Beech Cooley and Herbert Wilton were married at .....  
 Manley B. Cooley and Emma England were married at Caro Michigan Jan. 19th 1887

Deaths Chester Cooley died Sep 28/89  
 Jane Cooley died March 11th 1889  
 Anna Collice died October .....  
 Manley B. Cooley died October 21st 1888

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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The fourth annual Institute of Genealogical Research will be held in Washington, D.C. during the three week period beginning Monday, June 22, 1953, and ending Friday, July 10, 1953. Class lectures will be held most week days in the air conditioned National Archives building. Afternoons will be devoted to research on individual project assignments and to study of the bibliographical materials. Two field trips are planned. One will be to the Hall of Records Annapolis, Maryland, where the students will be addressed by the State Archivist, Dr. Morris Radoff. The other will be to the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia, where the students will be addressed by Mrs. Philip Hiden, a member of the Virginia State Library Board and an eminent authority on Virginia Genealogy. The Institute will be under the direction of Mr. Meredith B. Colket, Jr. of the staff of the National Archives. He will be assisted by recognized authorities in various specialized fields of genealogy. Reasonable accommodations are available to the students. For information address Dr. Ernst Posner, The American University, 1901 F. St., N.W., Washington 25, D.C.

It is hoped that some among our membership will have the time and interest to attend this Institute this year. Miss Lucy Kellogg of the DSGR was enrolled last year and her enthusiasm, engendered by the course, is still bubbling over. The lectures and directed research will benefit everyone - the beginner starts off on the right foot, the more experienced practitioner enlarges his sources and perfects his techniques. The students, from all over the United States and from Canada, offer stimulating friendships. Some have found the instruction so valuable, they have enrolled two years in succession. Plan to grasp this opportunity!



## A LETTER TO JENNY HUNTER

Dear Jenny:

So you started your chart and you ran into trouble. You found another record that you consider reliable and you don't know which to enter. The answer is -- take both records on a worksheet. From the worksheet -- and I suggest one for each generation of each family -- you will write up that family for your own family history. Before you decide on the exact form of your worksheet, why not write up a family history as a sample -- your grandfather's or any one family you know well? Writing it will help you crystallize your thinking on what you need for the worksheet.

To write up each family history with "all the answers", you should have:

1/ The father's birth and death records (when and where) and the place of burial, as you may need that tombstone record; his parents, if known; his marriage and the full name of his wife and her parents, as well as the date and place of her birth and death. If she was a widow or if she remarried after the father's death, the names of the other husbands should be given. The advantage of combining the vital statistics in the first paragraph is that it enables one to determine quickly, without reading the whole story, if this is the particular John Smith he wants. If the father married more than once, you may prefer to give his data in the first paragraph and then to tell the story of each wife in a separate paragraph.

2/ Places of residence should be given and the approximate time when the family moved to each location. If you are writing of an immigrant to this country, this is a good place to tell that fact with details and, if you know it, where he came from.

3/ His education and occupation are of interest; and the degree of "success" he attained in his work or profession.

4/ Complete information on any military or other service to his country should be included. Give his serial number, the unit in which he served, the battles he was in, his rank, etc. Service to a colony, state or community in other ways should be noted. Was he a member of a colonial assembly, a "viewer of fences", an air-raid warden, a 4H leader, a candidate for political office? Recognize his service and his standing in his community. Put down his church affiliation, if you know it. You may wish to combine this data into a single paragraph or biographical sketch.

5/ If he left a will, you may wish to include a short abstract. In many family genealogies, the wills and inventories of the immigrant ancestors are quoted in full.

6/ Give a list of the children, with as much data as you care to include. If there were children by more than one wife, indicate the mother clearly, "Children of first wife, Sarah ----" and "Children of second wife, Ann Walker", or by keyed symbols on the side of the list of children.

7/ A complete list of references for the information contained in the family history. (This is a subject to be treated at some length, which I'll take up next time.)

If you have family traditions which you cannot prove, write them up and label them "traditional". If you find conflicting statements about any fact, make a note of both and give sources. If you quote a town record which you think is wrong, quote it exactly and put your own interpretation in brackets after it, with reasons for your belief.

Draw up a worksheet to fit your work habits but be able to include all of the above items. Use abbreviations to simplify your note-taking, but keep a list of the ones you use on a sheet in the front of your notebook, in case any member of your family picks up your record and wants to find out what it's all about. Are you familiar enough with abbreviations to read Mr. Savage's Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England? In vol. 64 (1933): pp 133-138 of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, you will find some 75 suggested abbreviations, as well as special ones for New York authorities. Here are three others you'll meet: "D.s.p." or "died without issue", "s.p." for "sine prole". If you use "circa" for "about", abbreviate it to "ca.", as "c." alone in front of a date is used to indicate a copyright date. If you use "(sic)" or "(!)" to note that it indicates an error in spelling, construction or information and that you are aware of the fact, use it immediately after the fact to which you wish to call attention.

In writing your family history, you are compiling a record someone may use fifty years from now. You might not be around to answer questions, so make it complete, make it clear and let it tell the whole story.

Good luck!

Undismayed by inclement weather, a near-capacity crowd at the January 10th meeting heard our member, Miss Sarah Van Hoosen Jones, give a talk upon "Travels Through the New England States with Visits to Historical Shrines." The value and interest of the talk was enhanced by the deep emotion of identification of the speaker with our country's history, which was the guiding thread of her talk. Patriotism and love of family, she said, stem from the same general emotion. A year in Europe at the age of seventeen to eighteen years "brought into my soul the true meaning of patriotism. I knew when I came back that there was no country like the United States, no state like Michigan, and no place in the world like Avon Township."

In 1947, Miss Jones, then vice-president of the National Holstein-Friesian (cattle) Association, and her mother visited Concord, Massachusetts and the houses which had been the homes, successively, of names familiar to all. Noting that it is sometimes better to come into a special place like this with a little advance knowledge, she described in living terms the wealth of associations found in the village and in the individual homes. There was the home which had housed three generations of Emersons, as well as the Hawthorne family. And there was the home of the Alcotts, Hawthorne and Mrs. Lothrop, author of "Five Little Peppers." The latter's daughter showed her mother's old chair where that favorite child's book had been written.

On Decoration Day the travelers came back for another visit to Concord, and Lexington, where they saw the village celebration which presented just the right amount of historic symbolism. Three men in the uniforms of the Revolutionary War posed for pictures. A visit to Plymouth Rock revealed not only the Rock but some of the actual possessions of the Pilgrims. Said the speaker, "In the actual presence of places and scenes of the past like this, the books and stories of your childhood come to life."

An unusual "get acquainted" session followed the speech. A number of the new members of the DSGR presented brief outlines of their own interests and backgrounds in genealogy, while some of the older members contributed from their experiences and reminiscences.

Dr. Frank Robbins, Ass't. to the President of the University of Michigan, gave an interesting account of "Bygod Eggleston and his Brood" at the February 14th meeting of the Society. While his theme was his Eggleston ancestry, his discussion of methods of accumulating records brought many lessons to searchers. He chose the Egglestons for concentrated research because they seemed to offer comparative ease of exploration, since there were fewer immigrants of the name to New England. The given name, Bygod, was also distinctive. Dr. Robbins went into the English background of the name quite extensively and gave numerous individual instances of the name as well as some discussion of James Eggleston, father of the immigrant. Bygod Eggleston sailed for New England in June 1630 and resided at Dorchester, Mass. from 1630-35, where he was granted land and took the freeman's oath. He left in 1635 for Windsor, Conn. and may have married an American wife at this time. This wife was said by Styles in his book, "Ancient Windsor" to be Mary Talcott. Dr. Robbins insisted that there was no evidence supporting this statement and also disagreed in other instances with that authority. Bygod Eggleston had eight children between 1638 and 1653, which were in addition to two sons, born in England. One of these, James, was old enough to be a soldier in the Pequot War. Bygod died Sept. 1, 1674, "near 100 years old" according to one record but according to Dr. Robbins, 87 y.

The children of Bygod were enumerated with special mention of Joseph, a wanderer at the time of his father's death; Samuel, a carver of wooden chests, now highly prized by antique hunters; and Benjamin, the ancestor of the Ohio branch of the family. Here again in several instances, Dr. Robbins disagreed with Styles, the historian of Windsor, carefully explaining the basis of his disagreement.

From this point on, the speaker mentioned only Eggleston descendants of more than usual interest. Through some of the female lines, the Eggleston blood got into industry and Wall Street, particularly through the Phelps-Dodge Corporation. John Brown, anti slavery crusader, who was hanged at Harper's Ferry before the Civil War, was an Eggleston descendant. One branch migrated to South Carolina and founded the firm of iron merchants, who furnished the iron for the Capitol dome in Washington. Still another important descendant was a genealogist whose extensive data was destroyed by fire.

In closing, Dr. Robbins mentioned his principal sources, his collection of a number of unattached Egglestons and his correspondence with many individuals.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES  
Lewis F. Chase, Editor

1459: D-25: DECKER:- Wish all available data on Laurence G. Decker, b. Oct. 6, 1761, d. 1829 or '39, at Prattville, N.Y., and his descendants, especially his son, Peter L., b. 1790, d. 1834, at Shelby, Orleans Co., N.Y.

1460: D-25: WHITCOMB:- Seeking parentage of Jacob Whitcomb, b. 1811, Delaware Co., N.Y. He had one sister, Aurelia, and bros. Thomas, Jesse, and Josiah. Wish any Whitcomb data.

1461: H-35: RHODES-DUMPHRY:- Anthony Rhodes (Roads, Rohads) m. Mary (Polly) Dumphry or Duffey, lived in Springhill Twp., Fayette Co., Pa. Bought land, 1787, sold it 1807, and removed to Adams Co., Ohio. Children: Rebecca; Betsey; John, m. Nancy Leaf; Sally, m. John Baker; Anthony, m. ----- Gillespie; Katy; Israel, m. Betsey Clemmer; Mary (Polly), m. Jephtha Curtis; Miriam, m. Andrew Clemmer; Thomas, m. Eleanor McMahon; Arden; Elizabeth, m. Christian Bouteman. Wish all available data on Rhodes and Dumphry.

1462: H-35: CURTIS-RHODES:- Seeking further data on Jephtha Curtis, who m. Mary Rhodes (above) abt. 1795 in Penna. 1880 census gives Mass. as birth-place. Others say Connecticut.

1463: F-6: RUNDALL-ELLIOTT:- Abram Rundell m. Mary Ann Elliott, and were early settlers of Union Twp., Tioga Co., Penna. They had children: Jefferson Bradley, b. 1819, d. 1854, m. 1841, Hannah Pratt; Isaac; Charles; Francis Elliott, b. 1830, Union Twp., m. 1852, Mary Jane Smiley; Phileta, m. Ebenezer Baldwin, Union Twp.; Maria, m. ----- Blanchard; Lydia, m. Wm. Barron. Wish parentage and birth-places of Abram and Mary Ann Rundell.

1464: F-6: KITTLE-DIMMICK:- Seeking parentage of Frederick Kittle and his wife, Ada Dimmick, both b. abt. 1806. Ada was perhaps dau. of Col. Noah Dimmick of Middletown, N.Y.

1465: M-29: GREEN:- Seeking ancestry of Marilla Green, b. 1804, New York state (perhaps), d. 1884, Mich. She was living at Constantia., Oswego Co., N.Y., in 1829. She had bros. Archibald and Gardner, who lived at Hannibal, Oswego Co., N.Y., in the early 1830's. It is believed her father was Silas Green, but wish proof.

1466: A-21: DODGE:- Wish parentage of Capt. James Henry Dodge, b. 1834, Verona, N.Y., d. 1900, Danville, Ill., buried Arlington Cemetery. Admitted to the Bar in Wisconsin, 1856. Enlisted, Racine, Wis. He m. in Milwaukee, Elizabeth Hubbard Crampton. Children: Harry C.; Ida; Edward J.; Kate Conde. He was, possibly son of Henry and Electra (Seward) Dodge of Verona, N.Y.

1467: M-81: SYERS-SACKETT:- Alexander Syers (Sayers Sayeres Syres Syears), also called David Alexander Syres, b. 1821, m. Louise Sackett, prob. b. Crawford Co., Penna. They left Crawford Co. (when?). They had two daus., Margaret and Anna, and eight sons. Sons living in 1916 were Willard, Wheeler Scott and Grant. Another son was named William. Want names of the others. Alexander Syers enlisted in the Civil War in 1865 at Grand Rapids, Mich. Several of his sons also served. Was living at Holton, Muskegon Co., Mich., in 1887, and at Ferry, Mich., in 1890. Seeking his wife's ancestry, and their death dates and burial places.

1468: M-81: SYERS-HARNED:- George William Syers, b. 1801, Virginia (U.S. census 1850), m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of David and Ann(Perkins)Harned (Ann m. 1st, ----- Gibson). They had three children: Alexander, (above) b. 1821; Margaret, b. 1822; and Sarah, b. 1825 in Virginia. He m. 2nd, Charlotte -----, and raised another family. Was living at Accident, Md., in 1850, and at Grantsville in 1855. Wish anc. and birth-place of George W. Syers, and date and place of death.

1469: H-63: DEMERRITT:- Edward DeMeritt (Demaret Demarest), b. 1804, d. 1850, and his wife, Prudence, b. 1801, d. 1887, are believed to have been the parents of Marian DeMeritt, b. Sept. 1, 1836, at Mt. Morris, Livingston Co., N.Y. They later moved to Fulton Co., Ohio, where all three are buried. Wish ancestry of Edward and Prudence.

1470: H-63: HALL-MISSER:- James L. Hall, b. 1829, perhaps Beaver Co., Pa., d. 1864, at Libby Prison, Richmond, Va. He m. 1849, Elizabeth Musser (Mercer Maser). They lived in Beaver Co., Pa., in 1861. Wish ancestry of both.



1471: G-16: GALE-GOODHUE:- Samuel H. Gale is listed in the 1820 Census of Monroe Co., Mich., in the Dec. issue of the Magazine on p. 53. Is this the same Samuel Gale, son of Samuel, of Rensselaer Co., N.Y., who, with his brother, William, removed to Michigan, in 1815? Would like information as to this family, or any data on the Goodhue family.

1472: O-7: RAYMENT:- Roswell Rayment (Raymond), b. 1769 (or '64), in Connecticut, son of Timothy and Mary Rayment, came to Michigan in 1855, after living in Canada for many years. He d. Jan. 15, 1868. Wish more data on his earlier ancestors.

1473: M-54: ROSIER:- Joseph Rosier (Rosebush or R. Bush), m. Hannah Hart, June 5, 1759, presumably in New England. Wish ancestry of both.

1474: T-11: THORP:- Warren Thorp, b. abt. 1806 (where?), owned land at Clarence, Erie Co., N.Y., in 1835. Was living at St. Johns, Mich., in 1888, at time of settlement of estate of brother, Nathan, of Hamburg, Erie Co., N.Y. At that time, he had sisters, Esther Sadler of Clarence, b. abt. 1810, and Louise Felton, of Buffalo, b. abt. 1818, and probably others. Wish all available data on Warren Thorp, his parentage, wife and family.

1475: R-31: BUTTON-WING-HART-DONVIN:- Wish ancestry of Beulah Button, who m. Giles Wing of Vt., and N.Y. Also data on John Hart, b. 1790, Mass., who m. 1st, Matilda Wing, dau. of Giles and Beulah. He m. 2nd, Lodama Donvin. Wish data on her, also.

1476: R-31: ALLEN-WING:- Wish ancestry of Elihu Allen (perhaps related to Gen. Ethan Allen), who m. Mary Wing, perhaps sister of Giles, at Dartmouth, Mass., (1766 V.R.); moved to Danby, Vt., abt. 1775; then to Clinton Co. (now Albany Co.), N.Y., abt. 1794. He is buried near Peru, N.Y.; his wife, Mary buried at Galway, N.Y. Their eldest son, James, died in Michigan.

1477: H-56: WEATHERHEAD- -----:- Wish parentage of Susan -----, (perhaps Appleton, Baker, or Hopkins). She m. 1829, at Johnson, R.I., William W. Weatherhead, b. 1807, at Cumberland, R.I. They had six children: 1. William H., b. 1830, lived at Zumbrota, Minn., perhaps had dau., Ida; 2. Jason, b. 1833, living at Little Rock, Ark., 1881/3; 3. Almira, b. 1835, Providence, R.I., m. 1854, at Stanford, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Robinson P. Underwood, m. 2nd, 1875, James Berrian; 4. George, b. 1838; 5. Lewis, b. 1841, lived in Minneapolis; Louisa, b. 1842. William W. Weatherhead m. 2nd, Joanna Newell, 1842. They had: Newell, b. 1849, d. 1853; and Mary, 1852, m. 1878, Lewis Hotchkiss. Would like to communicate with any descendants of above.

1478: H-6: HILL:- Records and correspondence desired of these "Hill-men" of Michigan.

George W. Hill, b. 1853, d. 1938, Adrian, Mich. He was a lumberman.

George W. Hill, m. Dott N-----, seed merchant, Detroit, 1897.

George Winslow Hill, b. 1859, N.Y., m. Esther Slafford, 1887, Grand Rapids.

Giles Hill, enlisted Civil War, 1865, at Watertown, Mich.

#### ANSWERS TO QUERIES

1446: H-57: GOULD:- Polly Gould died Feb. 27, 1870, aged 76 yrs. 6 mo. 15 da. Her husband, Burr Gould died Oct. 13, 1854, aged 61 yrs. 1 mo. Both are buried in the Rose Corners Cem., Sharon Twp., Washtenaw Co., Mich. Dates copied from gravestones.

Mr. Louis S. White, Ypsilanti, Mich.

1429: P-31: REYNOLDS:- Samuel Reynolds, son of Enoch, m. Margrete -----. His son, Asa Reynolds, b. Mar. 7, 1755, resided in Dutchess Co., N.Y., d. Aug. 16, 1843. He came to St. Johns River, N.B., with the first fleet of Loyalists, May, 1783, and received a grant of land at Grand Lake, N.B., which he sold in 1799. Came to Upper Canada and received a grant of land in Markham Twp., Ontario. Will check further if desired.

Ans. by E. B. Vaughan, 1036 Coyeau St., Windsor, Ont.

1421: Y-1: HYER-BAKER:- Marriage notice in the Salem, N.Y., Northern Post, Jan. 13, 1811: Hyer-Baker: "In this village, on Thursday last, (24th) by Rev. Mr. McMurray, Miss Sally Hyer to Mr. Nathaniel Baker." From Joseph Gavit's Newspaper Index.

Answer rec'd. from Juliet Wolohan, Manuscripts and History Section, N.Y. State Library to Mrs. D. B. Utama of Grand Rapids, Michigan

## NOTES OF THE SOCIETY

Leonard Beavis has joined the Air Force, receiving a lieutenant's commission as a physicist. He will finish his preliminary training at San Antonio, Texas, about April 3 and be given an assignment. . . Our Mrs. Cameron is National Registrar of the Daughters of American Founders and Patriots. Quite an honor, eh! . . . George Miller is historian of the Robert Morse chapter of the Eastern Star, historian of the Cass Ave. Methodist Church and is helping Charles Fey with the history of the Masonic Lodge of Stoney Creek, Mich. . . Mrs. Millbrook is the author of an article in the February Kansas Historical Quarterly. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Campbell are compilers and publishers of an attractive book, "Scenic Inns of America." The pictures of the inns are all in color. . . William C. Hudson was recently presented with a life membership in the Royal Oak Lion's Club of which he was first president and one of three active charter members. . . Mrs. Whelan is abstracting the diaries of an old Lenawee Co., Mich. resident and will send a copy to Burton.

A former member and contributor to the Magazine, Mrs. Florence Shier Roberts, died on January 13th. . . Mr. Leon Gethek, husband of our member, died suddenly January 5th. . . Sister Mary Rosamund (Stella Maria Midd) died in Ogden, Utah, Dec. 13, 1952. She was the last surviving child of Dr. Samuel Midd, unfortunate victim of the conspiracy surrounding Lincoln's death. . . Roy McFee's son was admitted to the Michigan bar on January 13. Given his father's eloquence, he should have a notable career.

Miss Doris Berning was much interested in the Van Vechten Account Book (December Magazine) as some of her families married into the Valkenburgs and Oosterhouts of that region. "Unfortunately a certain Tyler, whom I've been seeking and who is said to have come from that very region, was not among the customers of the enterprising Teunis. He probably paid cash and so had no credit. An irony of Fate, indeed!". . Mr. Blount called on Mr. Frank Lamb of Birmingham and was gifted with an 1837 business directory for the Society. The book lists among other things, all the steamboats on the Ohio and Missouri. Thanks, Mr. Lamb! . . Mr. Robinson appeared on WWJ-TV in February in behalf of the Society. Each appearance, the time given to his interview lengthens. He hopes to be able to explain the chart next time. . . Through the Society, Member Sherman of California secured the services of Member Blowers of Rocky River, Ohio for interviewing a couple of Ohio cousins, aged 90 and 92 years. No doubt priceless genealogical information was thus preserved. . . Member Irvine queried a missionary of fifty years in India, for family information only to be asked in return to have a bill passed admitting his native wife to the United States. Fair exchange?

AMONG THE NEW MEMBERS Dr. James and Mrs. Dunlap are of the faculty group in Ann Arbor. He is a professor of Latin and Greek. . . Mrs. Myrtle Rice Haynes comes to us through Member Gertrude Miller of Bennington, Vt. Mrs. Haynes has a collection of early Tompkins Co., N.Y. material including all probate records from 1812 to 1876 and an alphabetized census of 1850.

Mr. Muma wants data on all families of the Muma, Muma name, his branch having settled in Canada. Mr. Muma went to the Kitchen School (see p. 115, this issue). . . Not every family has a town named for it. New member George Raub shows a picture of the sign pointing to Raubsville, near Easton, Pa. . . Myona Dopp Hicks is on the trail of Johnathan Hardy. Know anyone of that name? . . Mr. Martin collects McDonalds and Martins, particularly the Martins originating in Toronto, Canada. . . Who knows the name Bovee as of New York State? It was probably Bonfils in the beginning.

Thanks, Mrs. Bell, for the February and June 1951 Magazines. We are very short of these particular numbers and are trying to collect more. . . Thanks Mrs. Emma Gerald, Omaha, Nebr., for your comment, "It is such an interesting and companionable magazine." . . We could fill our page with the doings of Mrs. Elaine Stones, chief of Burton and all of them of historical import. A recent display at the library shows visits of presidents to Detroit, 19 of them.

The Shelby County (Ind.) Historical Society is launching an essay contest with a different twist to it. Entrants are required to fill out first of all a genealogical chart of their family for filing with the society. This provides valuable data for its archives and also forces the student to talk with parents or grandparents about the family's first days in the county. From this research he is likely to get a story or topic which can be utilized in his essay. The subject matter of the essays is to be the story of some person, incident, place or record that pertains to Shelby County.

